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East Coast Firm Lachtman Cohen & Belowich Expands To LA

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Law360 (April 14, 2025, 4:31 PM EDT) -- A little more than a year after its launch, New York-based Lachtman Cohen & Belowich LLP is expanding to the West Coast, announcing Monday it is opening a Los Angeles office.

Lachtman Cohen has opened in the Brentwood section of Los Angeles. Attorney Gary Gorham, who specializes in entertainment and sports litigation, will head the office after previously being part of his own boutique firm, Raskin Gorham Anderson Law LLP.

In an email, firm co-founder Brian Cohen told Law360 Pulse that opening a Los Angeles office is "a natural extension of New York-based partner Greg Blue's rapidly growing California litigation practice." Blue specializes largely in commercial litigation cases.



Gary Gorham

"Greg's longstanding work with clients across California has been a key catalyst for our expansion," Cohen said. "With several core clients headquartered in or maintaining significant operations in the state, we're pleased to now offer counsel from attorneys who are deeply connected to California's legal, business, and cultural communities."

Cohen explained the firm opted to open in Brentwood to be in close proximity to its clients. Gorham and senior litigation paralegal Shira Mendelsohn are based in the office, while Blue will now split his time between the New York and California offices.

The office will specialize in venture capital and start-up-related litigation, complex commercial litigation, entertainment and sports litigation, intellectual property disputes, and employment and contract disputes, according to Cohen.

Lachtman Cohen launched in January 2024 with offices in midtown Manhattan; White Plains, New York; and Greenwich, Connecticut. The three name partners — Cohen, David Lachtman and Brian Belowich — had worked together before but decided to join forces and open their own firm.

"Our goal was to build something different — a firm that's transformative, innovative, and full of energy," Cohen said. "One that encourages creativity and entrepreneurship, fosters collaboration and collegiality, and treats everyone with fairness, respect, and equality. A place where people genuinely enjoy working together and share a competitive spirit — not just to succeed, but to win."

Gorham was selected as the LA office head because the firm had a longstanding relationship with him thanks to working with him on other cases over the years.

"[Gorham] was ready for a new chapter, and the timing aligned perfectly with our plans for a Los Angeles presence — it all came together at just the right moment," Cohen said.

In a LinkedIn announcement about the LA opening, Gorham said he was excited to help with the launch.

"Having worked closely with the firm's partners for years, I've long admired its exceptional talent, unwavering client commitment, and uniquely collaborative culture," Gorham said. "I'm looking

forward to expanding the firm's reach in California and continuing to deliver the high-level counsel and results our clients expect."

Gorham earned his law degree in 1993 from Syracuse University College of Law and soon joined Christian White LLP as an associate. Later he joined Liner Grode Stein Yankelevitz Sunshine Regenstreif & Taylor LLP, which is now known as Liner Law LLP.

In 2007, he launched his own firm, Leader Gorham LLP, then later moved to Richardson & Patel LLP, where he was head of West Coast litigation. In 2015, he joined others to form Raskin Gorham Anderson Law LLP.

Gorham successfully defended International Boxing Hall of Famer Manny Pacquiao on claims worth more than \$30 million, according to the firm's announcement.

Cohen is happy to see the firm expand to the West Coast.

"We're incredibly excited about the launch of our Los Angeles office — it's a major milestone for the firm," Cohen said. "Not only does it deepen our ability to serve clients in California, but it also reflects the energy and vision that inspired us to build this firm in the first place. We see LA as a dynamic market where our strengths in complex litigation and entertainment and sports can really thrive. With Gary leading the charge and Greg's California practice continuing to grow, we're hitting the ground running. It's an exciting time, and we're just getting started."

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