Formidable West Coast Attorney Laura Reathaford Joins Lathrop Gage's Los Angeles Office

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Addition Boosts Employment & Labor Team's West Coast Presence, Continues Strategic Growth

Lathrop Gage is pleased to announce leading Employment & Labor attorney Laura Reathaford joined the firm as its newest Partner in the Los Angeles office. Reathaford will lead the Employment & Labor practice group's strategic West Coast growth plan. Furthermore, Reathaford's focus on wage and hour class and collective actions and in-depth experience in handling California Private Attorney General Act (PAGA) matters is a valuable benefit she brings to Lathrop Gage clients nationwide.

"I am excited to join Lathrop Gage for the opportunity it provides me to help develop the firm's impressive Employment & Labor practice, by expanding its reach and influence among the Los Angeles area and throughout California," said Reathaford. "This firm is truly unique in its client-first approach paired with highly respectable attorneys, and I look forward to aiding in its promotion on the West Coast."

Reathaford assists clients in a wide range of public and private businesses, particularly, management among the banking, grocery, fashion, retail, manufacturing, healthcare and telecommunications industries. She regularly defends and advises clients on employment issues, including terminating employees, drafting employee handbooks and complying with leave and disability rules as well as state and federal wage and hour laws, including the nuanced area of PAGA actions for the benefit of her clients. She is also the author of many published articles concerning employment and labor law matters. Her most recent, "Employer's Perspective: PAGA 15 Years Later," ran in the California Lawyers Association's *California Labor & Employment Law Review*, July 2019. Additionally, Reathaford is delighted to reunite with Lathrop Gage's Nancy Sher Cohen, Ronald Valenzuela and Joshua Pollack, whom she practiced with at Proskauer Rose LLP.

"We couldn't be happier to welcome Laura to our team. She is a premier labor and employment lawyer which I know from personal experience having practiced with her at Proskauer." said Cohen, Partner in Charge of the Los Angeles office. "Her expertise and notable reputation will be invaluable to the firm. I know she will help grow our Los Angeles-based West Coast practice."

Reathaford received her Bachelor of Laws from Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia, Canada, where she was a member of Dalhousie University's *Law Review*. She received her B.Comm. from the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

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