

We are pleased to announce that Kristen Law Sagafi has joined Tycko & Zavareei LLP as a partner. Prior to joining us, Kristen was a partner at Lief Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein in San Francisco, where she represented plaintiffs in consumer class actions. Kristen will now open and manage Tycko & Zavareei LLP's new California office, which will be located in the Bay Area. Through that office, Kristen will work with the rest of our team to develop our firm's practice throughout the West, with a special focus on class action and qui tam whistleblower litigation.

Kristen graduated from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law in 2002. During her 13-year tenure at Lief Cabraser, she gained local and national recognition for outstanding results on behalf of her clients in consumer fraud and defective products class actions. We are delighted that Kristen will leverage her broad network within the plaintiffs' bar and the Bay Area legal community to advance the firm's growth in California.

Kristen currently sits on the Board of the Justice and Diversity Center of the Bar Association of San Francisco, which advances fairness and equality by providing pro bono legal services to low-income people and educational programs that foster diversity in the legal profession. In addition, she is a regular guest lecturer on class action law at UC Berkeley and has lectured on law firm management at UC Hastings. She has been co-chair of the Berkeley Consumer Law Alumni Group since 2010.

From 2009-2014, Sagafi served on the Board of Governors of California Women Lawyers, where she was a member of the executive committee and co-chair of the membership committee. She has also served as a moot court coach for Thurgood Marshall high school and as a volunteer mediator in the Contra Costa Superior Court.

Please join us in welcoming Kristen to the Tycko & Zavareei family. She can be reached at ksagafi@tzlegal.com.