



Tyson & Mendes Expands California Presence with New Office in Inland Empire

J. Pat Ferraris to lead the firm's newest office as part of its continued growth and commitment to defending clients against Nuclear Verdicts®

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trial firm [Tyson & Mendes](#), LLP announced today the opening of its new Inland Empire office, marking yet another expansion for the firm known for defending against Nuclear Verdicts®, disproportionate and outsized jury awards.

The Inland Empire office is led by incoming Branch Office Managing Partner J. Pat Ferraris, a seasoned trial attorney with extensive experience in high-exposure litigation. Bringing over 36 years of experience, Ferraris lends extensive expertise and proven leadership capabilities to

the firm's new office. Ferraris managed the entire state of California for a national insurance carrier as in-house counsel prior to becoming the national director for first party casualty matters for the carrier. His depth of familiarity with the inner workings of insurance carriers positions him to offer tailored, effective counsel and advocacy for clients. He also served as a Senior Partner for another insurance defense firm, handling cases from inception through trial in both state and federal courts.

“I'm thrilled to join Tyson & Mendes and lead this new office and am dedicated to delivering exceptional service and winning trial results,” said Ferraris. “The Apex is a game-changing approach, and I look forward to leveraging it to serve our clients where they need us most.” The Apex is the firm's data-backed and trial-tested method for stopping Nuclear Verdicts®, unveiled in Nuclear Verdicts®: The Apex – Break the Pattern, authored by Founding Partner Robert F. Tyson, Jr. and National Managing Partner Cayce E. Lynch.

“Pat Ferraris is an exceptional trial lawyer and leader who embodies our commitment to innovation, collaboration, and education,” commented Lynch. Tyson added, “Under his leadership, I have no doubt our Inland Empire team will become a tremendous asset to our clients.”

Serving 22 states nationwide across 28 offices, Tyson & Mendes is one of the fastest growing civil defense firms in the U.S. The firm is proud to offer one of the clearest paths to partnership of any mid-sized law firm in the U.S., and it invests more in educating and training its attorneys than any other insurance defense firm.

For more information and to view career opportunities, visit www.tysonmendes.com.

About Tyson & Mendes LLP

Tyson & Mendes LLP is a nationwide, AV-rated litigation and trial firm specializing in insurance defense and protecting its clients from Nuclear Verdicts®. Founded in 2002 by Robert Tyson and Patrick Mendes, the firm has experienced tremendous growth, with offices across the United States. Tyson & Mendes is known for its expertise in defending corporations, insurance companies, and their clients against Nuclear Verdicts®.

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For more information, visit www.tysonmendes.com.

About Apex Defense Consulting

Apex Defense Consulting is a specialized insurance defense consulting firm, offering educational, community, and consulting services via a slate of experienced trial lawyers and Nuclear Verdict® experts. Founded in 2025, Apex Defense Consulting is the first of its kind within the insurance defense industry and is poised to revolutionize the industry with The Apex, the first and only data-backed and trial-tested blueprint for the defense to stop outsized and unjust Nuclear Verdicts®.

For more information, visit www.apexdefenseconsulting.com.

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