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**Los Angeles County Bar Association Names
Rick Cohen as its Chief Executive Officer Through 2018**

LOS ANGELES, May 19, 2017 – Former Buchalter Managing Partner Rick Cohen has been named the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA), one of the largest voluntary metropolitan bar associations in the country. Cohen will assume the position of LACBA’s CEO on Monday, May 22, 2017, and serve through 2018.

“We are excited to have Rick as our new Chief Executive Officer,” said LACBA President Margaret P. Stevens. “He is an accomplished lawyer with a strong record of leadership in challenging situations, having not only managed a large law firm but also having served as the interim CEO of the California State Teachers’ Retirement System. We look forward to having him help LACBA to refocus its energies on its mission of serving its members and the legal profession.”

“I am grateful for the opportunity to serve LACBA and for the trust that LACBA leadership has shown in me by asking me to serve as CEO,” Cohen said. “I look forward to contributing to the proud and formidable achievements of a venerable institution like LACBA.”

Cohen brings a high level of legal and management experience to LACBA. He is a shareholder and immediate past president and CEO of Buchalter, where he focused his practice on a wide range of corporate, partnership, and general securities matters. He also served as special counsel to California State Controller Kenneth Cory and as interim CEO of the California State Teachers’ Retirement System, which was then the eighth largest pension fund in the United States, with assets then in excess of \$12 billion.

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Previously, Cohen served as a member of LACBA's Business and Corporations Law Section.

He earned a B.A. magna cum laude in 1974 from Pomona College, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He earned his J.D. magna cum laude and Order of the Coif in 1977 from the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law.

Cohen was selected after interviewing a group of candidates that were discussed and suggested among the LACBA Officers, Executive Committee, and key management. "Having had a chance to meet and interview Rick, the executive staff and LACBA Officers all agree that he is a great choice for LACBA's CEO," Stevens added.

About the Los Angeles County Bar Association

The Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA) is one of the largest voluntary metropolitan bar associations in the nation, with nearly 18,000 members. LACBA is engaged in advancing the administration of justice and meeting the professional needs of lawyers. For more information on LACBA, visit www.lacba.org.

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