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Tyson & Mendes Adds Defense Pro As Partner In Calif.

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Law360 (January 27, 2021, 3:54 PM EST) -- Civil defense firm [Tyson & Mendes LLP](#) has announced that former [Harrington Foxx Dubrow & Canter LLP](#) partner Kevin Gray has joined its San Francisco office as a partner, with plans to oversee personal injury and premises liability defense work.

Gray, who started his new role on Dec. 21, will lead a multiattorney team that also focuses on defense of trucking companies and government entities and special investigation unit work, according to the firm's Tuesday announcement. He said that although his team is still being worked out, he will likely oversee three to five attorneys.



Kevin Gray

Gray said that as a lifelong "team sports guy" — he played lacrosse and coaches his kids in basketball — he has appreciated the cooperation he's experienced among the firm's various locations since he joined. He said the strong team aspects are what drew him to the firm.

"I'm just really enjoying the collaboration and the support," Gray said. "Everyone seems to be pulling together."

Gray said that while many of the areas of personal injury, transportation and premises liability that he works in are interrelated, his special investigation unit work is different. But his time in the Nassau County District Attorney's Office in New York helped prepare him and whet his appetite for those kinds of claims, he said.

Gray first joined Harrington Foxx in 1998. Tyson & Mendes said Gray has tried more than 60 cases in California state and federal courts, the Nassau County and New York District Attorney's Office, and Australia. He received his law degree from Washington and Lee University in 1982 and is a member of the [California State Bar](#) and the Trucking Industry Defense Association, the firm said.

Tyson & Mendes Managing Partner Robert Tyson said in a statement that Gray brings a unique breadth of experience and a successful trial track record to the firm's San Francisco team.

"As our firm continues to grow, we are thrilled to bring on a litigator of his caliber to advance our mission of achieving 'Justice for All,'" Tyson said.

Tyson & Mendes **announced** last June that it had achieved gender parity among its equity partners, a percentage significantly higher than the industry average. The firm has more than 150 attorneys, about half of whom are women, and 14 nationwide offices serving 17 states.

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