

**MULLEN & FILIPPI LLP Announces Merger –  
New Office in Southern California**

SACRAMENTO, CA, APRIL 22, 2008 – The California law firm of *Mullen & Filippi, LLP* and the highly regarded Van Nuys based *Law Offices of Jay S. Cohen, PC* announced today that they are merging effective May 1, 2008 and will practice law as Mullen & Filippi, LLP.

As a result of this merger with the southern California firm, Mullen & Filippi continues to strengthen its Workers' Compensation Defense practice in the south. With the addition of the Los Angeles office, Mullen & Filippi will be positioned to better serve clients on a statewide basis.

Commenting on the merger, Robert R. Sherman, Chairman of Mullen & Filippi's Management Committee said, "We are delighted to welcome this talented group of lawyers to our firm. For some time M&F has been interested in expanding services in the southern California legal community. This merger allows us to offer our combined client base the benefits of an excellent reputation and statewide presence."

"Merging with Mullen & Filippi, with its distinguished practice and numerous locations, we felt would allow us to grow and better serve our clients," said Jay S. Cohen, managing shareholder of the Law offices of Jay S. Cohen, PC.

Jay S. Cohen will join the firm as an Equity Partner along with his associates Ira D. Johns and Matthew J. King who will join as Associate Partners. Christopher A. Morrow, will also rejoin Mullen & Filippi as an Associate Partner to strengthen the new office with added legal experience and quality client services.