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Two Musick Peeler Partners Named to *Los Angeles Business Journal's* 2026 Leading Employment Attorneys List

Musick Peeler Partners Kristine Kwong and Juan Torres have been recognized by the *Los Angeles Business Journal* in its 2026 Leaders of Influence: Labor & Employment list. The annual list highlights the top attorneys in the region who are making a significant impact in labor and employment law.

"The leading employment attorneys and experts in the region have their finger on the ever-changing pulse of labor legislation, what changes have come to the labor law landscape in recent times, the new rules of hiring and firing, and the various trends that they have been tirelessly monitoring and managing for their clients," states the publication.

"This recognition reflects the outstanding work Kristine and Juan do every day on behalf of our clients," said Co-Managing Partner Steve Elie. "Their dedication, talent, and commitment to client service make them trusted advisors to employers and invaluable members of our firm."

Kwong is an experienced attorney whose practice spans workplace investigations, labor negotiations, employment litigation, and corporate transactions. She "represents public and private sector entities in retail, manufacturing, finance, healthcare, hospitality, real estate, and charitable and tax-exempt organizations, including religious entities, federally qualified health centers, educational institutions, and public sector agencies, municipalities, commissions and special districts in both litigation and transactional matters," the profile highlights. Kwong was recognized in Los Angeles Business Journal's 2025 "Women of Influence: Attorneys" list.

Torres is a seasoned trial lawyer with more than 30 years of experience representing businesses in complex commercial, employment, construction, real estate, and insurance disputes. Since joining the firm in 1990, "he has represented business owners in federal and state courts, arbitration, mediation, and bankruptcy proceedings across Southern California," shares the feature. A native Spanish speaker, Torres is a trusted counselor to the Latino business community throughout Southern California. He was named to Lawdragon's 2026 Leading Corporate Employment Lawyers list.

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