

Haynes and Boone Partners Named California Rising Stars in 2017

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Haynes Boone Partners Kimberly Chase and Henry Welch have been named Rising Stars in California in the most recent *Super Lawyers* directory, published by Thomson Reuters.

This is the fifth straight year that Chase, who practices in the Orange County office, has been selected as a Rising Star in Southern California. She is highlighted for employment litigation.

Welch, who is based in the Palo Alto office, is highlighted for intellectual property in Northern California.

In addition to employment matters, Chase handles copyright and trademark litigation and commercial litigation. She has obtained favorable results for numerous Fortune 500 companies in discrimination and harassment cases, wrongful termination cases and wage-and-hour litigation.

She also takes a lead in improving the legal profession and helping her community. She serves on the Alumni Association board for the UC Davis School of Law and has co-chaired the Orange County Coalition for Diversity in the Law, a partnership of law firms and community groups. Chase also is dedicated to pro bono and works through an advocacy organization to increase lawyer volunteerism for the Public Law Center, Orange County's pro bono legal services provider.

Welch has a doctorate in computer and systems engineering and brings extensive technical experience from more than 18 years as an engineering educator, researcher and consultant to his legal work on intellectual property and patent matters and technology transactions. He also represents clients in trials before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board and federal courts and has managed patent portfolios for Fortune 500 companies as well as small start-ups.

Welch also volunteers frequently with the Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County, providing legal advice to tenants in landlord-tenant disputes and other matters.

The Rising Stars designation, which is based on peer nominations and research, recognizes lawyers who are 40 or younger or have been practicing less than 10 years. Only 2.5 percent of young lawyers are selected each year.