



Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney  
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**REPORT NO.** R26-0100  
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REPORT RE:

**REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF CONFLICT OF  
INTEREST FOR SEGAL McCAMBRIDGE**

The Honorable City Council  
of the City of Los Angeles  
Room 395, City Hall  
200 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Honorable Members:

In this report we ask that the City Attorney be authorized to execute a conflict of interest waiver to the law firm of Segal McCambridge (Segal). Travelers Insurance is looking to retain Segal to defend both the City of Los Angeles and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power in the case of Tran v. LADWP, et al., Case Number 25SMCV05969.

Late last year, Segal acquired the law firm of Chapman Glucksman (Chapman), wherein Chapman currently represents 5 actual or potential adverse cases against the City of Los Angeles. Although Segal acquired Chapman, Segal is located in Century City and Chapman is located in West Los Angeles. Both law offices are completely separate from each other in terms of their physical location, and the attorneys do not work together on any matters. Segal confirmed there will be no overlap between the two teams and practices moving forward. Segal will implement ethical walls to prevent the attorneys/employees involved from accessing confidential information in all applicable matters.

Chapman has identified the following 5 actual or potential adverse cases against the CITY:

- Mintz, Zev v. KCafe Inc. erroneously sued as KBake, Inc., et al.  
Case No. 24SMCV04622; Premise Liability.
- Khoubian, Arman v. Wiseman Management, LLC, et al.  
Case No. 24SMCV06143; Premise Liability.
- Overland, Christina v. The City of Los Angeles, et al.  
Case No. 24SMCV05187; Premise Liability.
- Behrooz-Vaziri v. City of Los Angeles  
Case No. 23VECV04437; Premise Liability.
- Potential adversity in Iaconelli, Kerry v. L.A. Grand Hotel, et al.  
Case No. 23STCV29801; Assault and Battery.

Rule 1.7 of the California Rules of Professional Conduct prohibits a lawyer from representing clients with directly adverse interests unless informed written consent is obtained from each client. Segal has provided that consent and the firm has requested the same from the City by email dated January 23, 2026.

Our Office has determined that the conflicting representation should not pose an issue relating to the representation Segal is providing to the City. Therefore, the City Attorney recommends that the waiver be approved and that the City Attorney be authorized to execute a waiver for Segal.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned at (213) 978-8100. A member of this Office will be available when you consider this matter to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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