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—*Los Angeles Daily Journal*

THE TEAM OF LAWYERS AT RUS, MILIBAND & SMITH TACKLES cases with a sophisticated, solution-oriented approach that the *Los Angeles Daily Journal* noted has placed the Orange County firm “among the elite business litigation firms in Southern California” and which “has the area’s top corporate leaders calling when they’re in a jam.” The firm’s high-stakes cases have been profiled by *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *The Orange County Register* and the *Los Angeles Times*.

**HIGH-STAKES LITIGATION** For 30 years, Rus, Miliband lawyers have earned a reputation as “go-to” problem solvers. Attorneys at the firm have a storied history of trials under their belts, from the late 1980s savings and loan scandals and the historic Orange County bankruptcy, to the representation of many of Orange County’s largest commercial and residential developers in the early 1990s and today in America’s credit meltdown. A recent \$17 million jury verdict against U.S. Bancorp is but one example of the firm’s trial successes. High-profile financier and former Orange County chief executive William Popejoy, when explaining why he selected the firm, told the *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, “When it comes down to a case, it’s the horse you have in the race, not the number in the stable.”

Ronald Rus and Joel S. Miliband are recognized in the 2009 edition of *Southern California Super Lawyers*®.

**SPECIALIZED TEAM** Rus, Miliband specializes in complex commercial, business and real estate litigation, with an added emphasis in bankruptcy and debt restructuring. The 10 attorneys of Rus, Miliband have proved themselves to corporate leaders and regional courts, factors that have contributed to their successful trial record. The pooling of this complementary group of accomplished professionals provides all of the intellectual resources typically found at firms 10 times the size of Rus, Miliband.

**LAWYERS AND LEADERS** Rus has been recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*, listed among the best lawyers in the country by the Best of the U.S. Inc., and named as Orange County’s “Top Gun” business litigator. He was a founding director and past president of the Orange County Bankruptcy Forum. Miliband was recognized in the 2006 edition of *Southern California Super Lawyers* and is a past president of the Orange County Bar Association, a former vice president and member of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of California, and is a member of the Judicial Council of California. Both Rus and Miliband have been selected by the Central District federal judges as representatives to the 9th Circuit Judicial Conference. In addition, Rus served as commissioner of the California Judicial Nominations and Evaluation Commission and Miliband was chair of the Judicial Nominations and Evaluation Review Committee.

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