

TOP NATIONAL DISASTER RECOVERY LAW FIRM OPENS PUERTO RICO OFFICE

(WASHINGTON, DC) – Weisbrod Matteis & Copley PLLC today announced a new office in San Juan, Puerto Rico and that top litigator José L. Nieto has joined the law firm as a partner. The nationally acclaimed litigation and insurance recovery boutique is involved in hundreds of policyholder recovery efforts on the island in the wake of Hurricane María.

“Shortly after Hurricane María devastated Puerto Rico, our firm responded to calls from dozens of commercial clients looking for representation against their insurance company,” Weisbrod Matteis & Copley (WMC) chairman Augie Matteis said. “We needed top leadership. I’ve known José Nieto since we both practiced at Skadden Arps in the 1990’s, and I know how fortunate we are to have him at the helm in San Juan.”

More than 200 policyholders have already hired WMC to fight their insurance company over property damage and business interruption losses. According to the firm’s top experts, the insurance companies are among the worst they have encountered.

“In Puerto Rico, insurance companies believe they can drastically underpay claims with no repercussions, and their conduct has been outrageous,” said Joshua B. Katz, a WMC partner who helps lead the firm’s disaster recovery practice. He’s particularly focused on the claims in Puerto Rico, where there are no law firms with the expertise and the resources to take on big corporate defendants on a contingency basis.

Nieto grew up in Puerto Rico, where he is a highly respected litigator and professor at the University of Puerto Rico School of Law. He earned law degrees from the University of Puerto Rico and Harvard Law School and began his legal career at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom working on complex litigation in Latin America and the Caribbean. Nieto continues to concentrate on complex litigation and has been involved in some of the highest profile cases in Puerto Rico.

Nieto, who already has hired associates and support staff, predicts substantial growth in the San Juan office over the next year. WMC’s Puerto Rico clients include some of the island’s most well-known businesses, restaurants, media companies, shopping centers, schools, and churches. They also represent homeowners.

About WMC

WMC is one of the nation’s premier policyholder-side insurance recovery firms and was named by the National Law Journal as one of the ten hottest litigation boutiques in the country. With more than 35 lawyers in five offices in Washington, Fort Lauderdale, Mississippi, Philadelphia, the new WMC San Juan office may be reached at (787) 667-2968. For more information please visit www.wmclaw.com.

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