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Andrea M. Caster, Esq. of the Law Office of Andrea Merrell Caster, located in West Los Angeles, focuses her practice on a wide range of family law matters, probate guardianships and conservatorships, and general civil litigation. She has represented parents in dissolutions of marriage and domestic partnerships, parentage actions, actions for child custody and visitation, child and spousal support matters, adult, foster parent and same sex parent adoptions, and domestic violence matters, and is often appointed to represent children as Minor’s Counsel. Ms. Caster has extensive experience addressing the needs of families with children with special needs, including understanding the nuances that crossover family law with special education issues. She has also represented clients in restraining orders in civil harassment, elder abuse and workplace violence matters, actions to quiet title to real property, and breach of contract actions. Ms. Caster has been successful in a variety of litigation matters, including those involving complex real estate transactions and business partnerships. Her clients cross all socio-economic boundaries and range from business executives and actors to small business owners and blue-collar workers.

Ms. Caster earned her Juris Doctorate from Southwestern University School of Law where she received a Public Interest summer grant to intern with Dependency Court Legal Services (now the Children’s Law Center of Los Angeles) at the Edelman Children’s Court in Monterey Park. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from the University of California, Los Angeles, where she was active in the Prison Coalition, tutoring underage inmates at a local juvenile detention camp. Her commitment to public service and social justice has extended into

her law practice by her extensive pro bono work. During law school, Ms. Caster began volunteering at the Santa Monica courthouse's Legal Aid clinic assisting clients in obtaining domestic violence, elder abuse and civil harassment restraining orders. She is a member of the Harriet Buhai Center for Family Law's volunteer attorney pro bono panel and has represented families pro bono through the Alliance for Children's Rights foster care adoption and guardianship programs and homeless veterans in family matters through Public Counsel's Center for Veterans Advancement project. Ms. Caster is also a volunteer attorney for Breaking Code Silence, an organization dedicated to raising awareness of and combating problems in the "Troubled Teen" industry.

In addition to her extensive pro bono work, Ms. Caster is a member of the Board of Directors for BREATHE Southern California, where she is currently the Vice Chair and serves on its Executive and Program and Research committees. She is also a majority member, former elected state officer, and current adult advisor for three international Masonic youth organizations – Job's Daughters International, DeMolay International, and Rainbow for Girls.

Ms. Caster is admitted to the State Bar of California and the United States District Court, Central District of California. She is a member of the family law section of the California Bar, the Los Angeles County Bar Association, the Santa Monica and Beverly Hills bar associations, and Women Lawyer's Association of Los Angeles.