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Veteran trial attorneys **Edward Chapin** and **Joseph "Jay" Wheeler** have formed their own law firm, **Chapin Wheeler LLP**, and will focus on the representation of plaintiffs in complex business and individual disputes. Their law office is at **One American Plaza**, 600 West Broadway, Suite 700, in Downtown San Diego. The phone is (619) 241-4810.

Chapin was a partner at **Gordon & Reese** in San Diego. Wheeler was previously with **Latham & Watkins** where he chaired the San Diego Litigation Department from 1996 to 2000. Senior litigation associate **Jill Houlahan** and paralegal **Amy Smith** are also part of the firm.

Chapin's practice emphasizes complex, multiparty civil litigation in the areas of business litigation, toxic torts and product liability, insurance coverage and bad faith, unfair business practices and professional negligence of attorneys and health care providers. He has tried in excess of 75 jury trials, including serving as lead counsel for the chemical manufacturer featured in the movie "Erin Brockovich." Chapin has been voted by his peers as one of The Best Lawyers in America every year since 1989 and has active roles in several law-related associations.

Wheeler has tried numerous cases in both state and federal court and has achieved recoveries on behalf of his clients in amounts as high as \$15 million. His cases include a range of areas including insurance bad faith, intellectual property, business torts, real estate and construction disputes, partnership disputes, securities claims, employment claims, breach of contract, franchise disputes and environmental claims.

The firm's Web site is chapinwheeler.com.