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California Academy of Appellate Lawyers Announces Three New Members

The California Academy of Appellate Lawyers is pleased to announce that it admitted three new members at its January, 2026 meeting: Joshua Klein, Jeff Michalowski, and Radha Pathak.

Mr. Klein is the Supervising Deputy Solicitor General at the California Department of Justice. Mr. Klein received his B.A. from Amherst College and his J.D. from Stanford Law School. After law school, he clerked for Judge Merrick B. Garland of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor of the United States Supreme Court.

Mr. Michalowski is a Partner at Quarles, where he Vice-Chairs the firm's national appellate practice. Mr. Michalowski received his B.A. from the University of Virginia and his J.D. from Harvard Law School.

Ms. Pathak is a Partner at Stris & Maher LLP. Ms. Pathak received her B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley, and her J.D. from NYU School of Law. After law school, she clerked for Judge Raymond C. Fisher of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Founded in 1972, the Academy is the nation's oldest lawyers' organization dedicated to appellate practice. Our members are California lawyers with substantial appellate experience, who are elected to membership after rigorous scrutiny of their reputation, character, and appellate advocacy skills. Academy members are frequently counsel of record in the most complex and highest-impact cases before the California Supreme Court, California Courts of Appeal, and federal appellate courts.

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