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Sacramento firm adds partner from U.S. attorney's office

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The successful young Sacramento law firm of Stevens & O'Connell has gained more star power with the addition of Matt Jacobs.

He is the first name partner to be added since the firm was founded in 1997 by former Sacramento U.S. attorneys Charles Stevens and George O'Connell. The new name is Stevens, O'Connell & Jacobs.

It specializes in complex civil matters and government investigations.

Jacobs, 49, also served in the U.S. attorney's office, and was its second-ranking member and head of the criminal division when he left eight years ago. Most recently, he managed the litigation practice group in the Sacramento office of DLA Piper, a large international firm.

He is joining a comparatively small firm but one that, in its short life, has been involved in several major cases. Jacobs has experience in white-collar defense and has litigated cases in health care, securities, antitrust and environmental enforcement.

From 1997 to 2002 he was on the Sacramento Planning Commission, chairing that body 2001.