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**THE LAW OFFICES OF DONALD P. SCHWEITZER ANNOUNCES
ALEXANDRA SMYSER TO HEAD FIRM'S ESTATE PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

PASADENA, Calif. (July 1, 2014) -- The Law Offices of Donald P. Schweitzer (LODPS), Pasadena's premier family law firm today announced the addition of Attorney Alexandra Smyser to head the firm's estate planning department.

Smyser specializes in all areas of estate planning, including trust administration, comprehensive experience in probate matters, conservatorships, wills, revocable living trusts, powers of attorney, and health care directives. Her areas of expertise include elder care, special needs children, domestic partnerships and same-sex marriages. She represents clients in the administration of estates, conservatorship proceedings, guardianship proceedings and court supervised trusts, and she provides family law clients with options for interim estate planning and making changes to assets.

"Estate Planning is a sensitive and very personal process, and with today's families often being complex, it was important for us to find the right attorney to guide individuals, couples and families creating legacy plans," said Don Schweitzer, Managing Partner and Founder, the Law Offices of Donald P. Schweitzer. "When we met Ali, we knew she was ideal. She is compassionate, thoughtful and smart, and her prowess as an estate planner made her the solid candidate."

"It's an honor to be appointed to head the estate planning department of Pasadena's top family law firms," said Alexandra Smyser, estate planning attorney, Law Offices of Donald P. Schweitzer. "Don and I are cut from the same fabric, as we are both very passionate about the work we do, our relationships with our clients, as well as doing our part as professionals in the community. I'm proud to be part of this firm, and excited and eager to advance its estate planning department."

Smyser graduated magna cum laude from Southwestern Law School, after a 10-year career in the entertainment industry. The passing of both of her parents inspired her career change when she realized how a well-prepared estate plan can alleviate much of the stress felt by grieving families. While at Southwestern, she received the Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction Award (highest grade in class) in several courses, including Estate and Gift Tax, Property, Civil Procedure and Legal Research and Writing. During law school, Ms. Smyser interned for the Honorable Dean D. Pregerson of the United States District Court.

Smyser is an active member of the California State Bar, the Los Angeles County Bar and Pasadena Bar Association. Additionally, she is a frequent speaker at local community groups on the topic of estate planning and conservatorships, and is active with numerous community organizations, including USC-

Verdugo Hills Hospital Women's Council, USC-Verdugo Hills Hospital Planned Giving Committee, and the National Charity League.

About The Law Offices of Donald P. Schweitzer

The Law Offices of Donald P. Schweitzer is Pasadena's premier family law firm and one of the most respected in the Los Angeles area. Their specialized attorneys are experienced in all areas of family law and estate planning, supported by today's most advanced legal resources. Founded by a former police officer turned assistant district attorney, their responsiveness and expert team approach give their clients a favorable edge.

The firm is structured to respond rapidly and proactively. They handle every aspect of each case with the utmost in professionalism, integrity and respect. Principled advocates who will always put their client's best interests first, the Law Offices of Donald P. Schweitzer offers peace of mind every step of the way.

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