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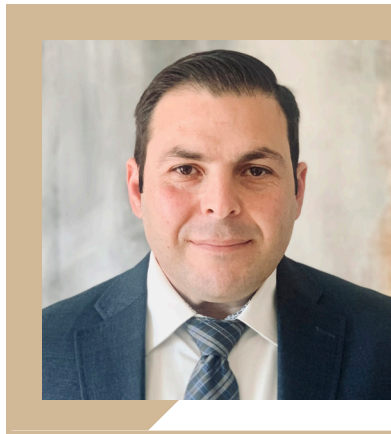


**T**igran Palyan's family law practice has grown since he opened his own shop in 2017 to where he's now about to expand. Palyan and longtime friend and fellow family law practitioner Anthony D. Storm plan to open Storm Palyan LLP in late February with three associates and offices in Glendale and Beverly Hills.

"It'll be a boutique family law practice," Palyan said. Though he doesn't name names, he says he's worked on high-profile and celebrity cases.

He's well-prepared. Palyan learned the intricacies of the field fresh out of law school as a research attorney for a writs and receivers judge and for several family law jurists at the Los Angeles County Superior Court. He later landed a job as an associate with prominent practitioner Sorrell Trope, a patriarch of the local family law bar, and his son Michael L. Trope of the now-dissolved Trope and Trope LLP.

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## Tigran Palyan

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he tried cases, and he let me do some of the arguments," Palyan said. At one point, he represented a Walmart heir. "Just to have worked there gave me credibility." Sorrell Trope died in 2020 at age 92 following a 70-year career.

When he opened his own shop, Palyan said, he got a boost from Michael Trope. "He helped with advice and sent me some pretty big clients. I owe a lot to Trope and Trope."

Palyan also got an endorsement from the veteran private investigator John J. Nazarian, who saw him in action at the courthouse and devoted a blog post titled "Eye of the Tigran" to Palyan as "one of the

'diamonds' to fall from the Trope and Trope empire."

Palyan's path to the law included a case within his own family. His father's master's degree in engineering got him nowhere after he emigrated to Los Angeles from Armenia when Tigran was six. One of the father's odd jobs, at a gas station, ended with him injured in a robbery. The gas station owner had no worker's comp coverage and the litigation that followed took years—ending after the father died of a heart attack when Tigran was a newly minted attorney who pleaded his case on behalf of his family as next of kin. Over the gas station owner's protests,

an administrative law judge ruled to enforce a small award.

"That was a moving thing for me and it was a kind of closure," Palyan said. "I learned that as a lawyer, you can protect yourself."

Palyan practices in Glendale, home to a large Armenian community, and he speaks the language and has been active in the Armenian Bar Association. But he said his practice ranges far beyond any single group. "There can be challenges in working with your own people," he said. "You can be too close to home. Clients come to me now from all over."

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