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**DM&A ADMINISTERS OVER \$28 MILLION IN CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENTS INVOLVING
FOUR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CEMETERIES**

LOS ANGELES – Desmond Marcello & Amster’s (DM&A) class action claims administration department has completed the administration of class action settlements valued at \$28 million. The cases were settled in Los Angeles Superior Court and involved alleged improper handling of human remains and improper maintenance practices at four Southern California cemeteries. DM&A administered the claims made by the family members of relatives buried at Woodlawn Memorial Park in Compton, Grand View Memorial Park in Glendale, Paradise Memorial Park in Santa Fe Springs, and Lincoln Memorial Park in Carson. DM&A facilitated settlement payments to thousands of claimants and provided accounting oversight of funds earmarked for restoration of the cemeteries.

“The difficult time family members had in dealing with the loss of a loved one was only exacerbated by the alleged wrongful conduct at these cemeteries,” says Wesley Nutten, CPA and head of class action claims administration at DM&A. “The administration of the settlements was handled with extreme sensitivity so as to minimize the stress of the lawsuits on the surviving family members of the deceased.” DM&A handles class action claims administration assignments and supports lawyers and claimants throughout the entire class action process including pre-settlement litigation consulting on damages, implementation of administration systems, and facilitating the collection and disbursement of information to thousands of claimants.

The allegations against the defendants in these cases included the following:

- Grand View – Converting single-use graves to multiple use; improperly disposing of cremations; selling unavailable plots -- settled for \$3,872,500.
- Woodlawn – Failing to retain pre-sold grave spaces; unauthorized disinterments, improperly handling human remains -- settled for a maximum potential value of \$16,500,000.
- Paradise – Mishandling, mutilating and improperly burying human remains -- settled for \$8,295,000.
- Lincoln – Failure to maintain the cemetery; improper encroachment of grave spaces by subsequent burials -- settled for \$1,600,879.

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Desmond Marcello & Amster's (DM&A) class action claims administration department provides a full range of class action services to clients across the country including litigation consulting on damages, pre-settlement services, class notice, claims processing and settlement distribution. DM&A Class Action Claims Administration is a part of DM&A Valuation & Litigation Consultants which provides valuation of privately held businesses and various litigation consulting and support services

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