

Major Litigation Group Joins Proskauer

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June 30, 2003 (New York, NY) - Proskauer Rose LLP announced that Louis M. Solomon and more than 20 attorneys from the prestigious litigation boutique Solomon Zauderer Ellenhorn Frischer & Sharp will be joining Proskauer on July 1. In addition to Solomon, the group includes name partners David N. Ellenhorn and Harry Frischer. Proskauer has also offered jobs to each of the Solomon firm's staff.

Joining as partners with Solomon (Harvard '79) and Frischer (Columbia '79) are Bertrand C. Sellier (NYU '81); Edwin M. Baum (Columbia '84); Hal S. Shaftel (Yale '89); Margaret A. Dale (University of Chicago '89); Colin A. Underwood (Yale '90); and Claude M. Millman (Columbia '88). Ellenhorn (Yale '61) will join Proskauer as Counsel to the Firm, along with Leonard S. Baum (NYU '65). The group will also include three Senior Counsel (Caroline Press (Columbia '91), Michael Lazaroff (Stanford '95), and Jennifer Scullion (UCLA '95)) and eight associates.

Proskauer, headquartered in New York City with almost 600 lawyers, also has offices in Los Angeles, Washington, DC, Newark, Boca Raton, and Paris. The Firm has established practice areas in litigation and dispute resolution; corporate/securities and white-collar; entertainment, new media, and intellectual property; and labor/employment. Proskauer's litigation capacity will now exceed 300 attorneys.

Solomon's firm, which was established in 1981, has long been recognized in the first rank of small to mid-sized law firms concentrating its practice in big case litigation. The firm specialized in complex commercial and corporate disputes in a wide array of subject matters, including antitrust, intellectual property, with an emphasis on patent and trademark, insurance/reinsurance, pharmaceutical regulation, products liability, securities and corporate governance, real estate, and general commercial disputes. Lawyers at the Solomon firm joining Proskauer have tried hundreds of complex cases across the country, in both state and federal courts, and have an active appellate practice. They have in total devoted years of court-room time to such celebrated pro bono cases as the trial upholding New York City's regulations permitting children with AIDS to attend school and the multiple trials against the Department of Commerce and Bureau of the Census to effect a statistical correction of the Decennial Census's systematic undercounting of racial and ethnic minorities. Expected to move to Proskauer with the acquired group is legal work for scores of clients such as Andrx Pharmaceuticals, Bristol-Myers Squibb, PepsiCo, KFC, The New York Blood Center, Purdue Fredrick, and International Financial Group.

Proskauer Chairman, Alan S. Jaffe, commented: "Since Judge Joseph M. Proskauer came to our Firm, we have attracted some of the best trial and appellate lawyers in the nation and clients needing top-tier litigation services. Bringing Lou Solomon and his colleagues to Proskauer continues that long tradition. These lawyers come from the finest law schools, many with significant law review and clerkship experiences, and have an extraordinary track record of successfully handling complex and difficult disputes for major corporations and financial institutions. The group will enhance the depth and breadth of our litigation strength, giving us both additional first chair trial lawyers and the privilege of representing additional important clients."

Addressing the group's move to Proskauer, Louis M. Solomon said: "My colleagues and I were looking for a larger firm with greater resources that shared our pursuit of excellence and obsession for client service in all facets of corporate and commercial litigation.

Proskauer's national and international scope, its extraordinary depth in the additional areas of corporate/securities, labor/employment, and content-based areas of law such as IP, entertainment, and new media, will allow us to vault to a new level of client service.

The people at Proskauer are some of the most talented and decent in our profession.

Proskauer's serious, indeed illustrious commitment to public service and pro bono is an inspiration to lawyers and clients alike. We consider it an honor to become a part of this 125-year tradition."

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