

## BakerHostetler Nabs Winston & Strawn Litigator In LA

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*Law360 (May 6, 2020, 8:11 PM EDT)* --BakerHostetler has hired a former Winston & Strawn LLP trial litigator in Los Angeles with more than 30 years of experience representing retailers, banks and other corporate clients in high-stakes litigation involving securities and consumer class actions.

BakerHostetler announced on Monday that it hired David Aronoff as a partner in the firm's litigation practice group in Los Angeles. Aronoff said he's excited to join the group, particularly since it is involved in multiple high-profile matters, including the PG&E Corp.'s bankruptcy, litigation over the opioid crisis, and attempted recoveries from Bernie Madoff's defunct Ponzi scheme.



David Aronoff

"I plan to leverage the incredible mega-case platform for the benefit of my clients," Aronoff said in a statement Monday. "I also find the firm's emphasis on culture, brand building and growth, particularly on the West Coast, to be very appealing."

During his career, Aronoff has tried more than 35 matters before juries and handled a range of complex litigation disputes involving product liability claims, intellectual property claims and claims under the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, among others, according to the firm.

He's also led nationwide sports products and helmet concussion litigation involving individual and class claims for product liability, and he's litigated business disputes over billions of dollars in assets among high net worth individuals, the firm said.

Additionally, Aronoff has served as lead counsel in more than 25 internal investigations for public and private companies assessing the conduct of their employees, officers and directors.

Eric Sagerman, managing partner of BakerHostetler's Los Angeles office, said Monday the addition of Aronoff to the practice is a "big win" for the firm.

"David is a rare individual with the ear of many boards of directors," Sagerman said. "In addition to his broad practice experience, David brings an extensive network of business contacts at the highest levels of corporate America."

At Winston & Strawn, Aronoff served as the former Los Angeles chair of litigation and as a member of

the firm's compensation and finance committees, according to BakerHostetler. He has a law degree from Southwestern Law School and an undergraduate degree from the University of Southern California.

Aronoff's move to the firm comes after the recent additions of Jeewon Serrato, former chief privacy officer of Fannie Mae; Robb Adkins, former Winston & Strawn managing partner, and William Oxley, former Dechert LLP managing partner, to BakerHostetler's West Coast offices. Since Sagerman joined the firm's L.A. office in January 2019, BakerHostetler has hired more than 20 attorneys in California and opened an office in San Francisco, according to the firm.

Aronoff said Wednesday the recent hiring of Adkins and Oxley were to him important indicators that BakerHostetler is committed to continuing to recruit top, extremely capable trial lawyers addressing high-stakes and complicated matters.

BakerHostetler's litigation practice group has more than 400 litigators across the country and over 1,000 attorneys, according to the firm.

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