

Arent Fox Adds Veteran Litigator Peter Most in Los Angeles

Commercial litigator **Peter J. Most** has joined **Arent Fox LLP** as a partner in the firm's Los Angeles office. Most joins the firm's Complex Litigation group and will focus his practice on securities litigation, real estate, commercial fraud, and professional liability.

"We are happy to welcome Peter to the firm," said Los Angeles Managing Partner Aaron H. Jacoby. "Peter's success rate in high-stakes securities litigation, as well as other significant financial and real estate disputes, is a great addition to our deep bench of litigators in Los Angeles and across the firm."

A release from the firm says:

Previously a principal at McKool Smith, Most has experience representing large US financial institutions in connection with their purchases of nearly \$1 billion of Parmalat-related securities. Additionally, Most has represented US financial institutions in litigation against Wall Street banks in connection with the purchase of more than \$1 billion of Enron and Enron-related securities. He has also represented a large international bank in a \$500 million fraud action against another international bank related to the sale of Enron-related derivative securities and structure financings. Each of the matters resolved favorably for Mr. Most's clients.

Most is the latest addition to Arent Fox's Complex Litigation practice, which has added highly-regarded commercial litigator, John S. Purcell in Los Angeles and Brian P. Maschler in San Francisco.

In addition to large financial institutions, Mr. Most has represented lenders and borrowers, investment companies, local governments, and real estate developers, among others, in their complex disputes.

Most's six-year tenure on the United States District Court Merit Selection Panel for Magistrate Judges recently ended and he currently serves on the Los Angeles County Bar Association's Judicial Appointments Committee. In addition, Mr. Most serves the Los Angeles Superior Court as both Judge Pro Tern and Mediator. He earned his bachelor's degree, manga cum laude, from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and his law degree from George Washington University National Law Center.

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