

# Buchalter Has New Automotive Industry Group Chair in Los Angeles

Buchalter announced that Eric M. Kennedy has joined as chair of the firm's Automotive Industry Group in Los Angeles. Kennedy was previously a partner at Payne & Fears.

"Eric brings an impressive resume, having represented Fortune 500 companies across a wide array of industries, with a particularly strong focus in the automotive sector" said Adam J. Bass, President and Chief Executive Officer of Buchalter. "We expect Eric to fit in seamlessly from a cultural standpoint, and his practice aligns well with our overall strategic plan. We look forward to seeing his practice grow and offering the support he needs along the way."

In a release, the firm said:

Kennedy has experience in state and federal courts across the country, with a focus on commercial litigation including class-action matters and disputes over contracts, false advertising, fiduciary relationships, fraud, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets. He has represented a number of companies across a variety of industries, most notably automobile design and manufacturing, petroleum, technology, and computer manufacturing and distribution.

"The automotive industry is undergoing a remarkable transformation. With more and more companies designing and producing extremely intelligent vehicles incorporating unprecedented advances, it seems that every day brings something new and exciting in connectivity, autonomy, mobility, and efficiency," Kennedy said. "With innovation, however, often comes increased regulatory scrutiny. I am confident that joining Buchalter— a full-service firm with a

true entrepreneurial spirit – will strengthen my efforts to help my client base navigate this new environment.”

Outside of his practice, Kennedy serves on the Board of Directors for The Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice (LACLJ), The Triunfo YMCA, and Law Rocks. He is also an active volunteer, frequently donating his time as an AYSO coach and BSA leader.

Kennedy earned his J.D. from the University of Southern California and his B.S. in Psychology from Brigham Young University.