

# Arent Fox Merges with Boston's Posternak

Arent Fox LLP and Posternak Blankstein & Lund LLP announced they have reached a formal agreement to merge, effective Jan. 1, 2019.

In a release, the firm said the merger will mark Arent Fox's first expansion into the Boston market. Founded in 1980, Posternak is a 55-lawyer Boston-based firm focusing on business transactions and complex litigation.

"Posternak's excellent reputation in Boston is a reflection of their legal talent and client-first approach," said Arent Fox Chair Mark. M. Katz. "This is a firm that shares our values and commitment to service. Between our similar client focus and practice strengths – particularly in Corporate, Real Estate, Health and Life Sciences, and IP counseling – we saw this as a perfect match."

With the merger, Arent Fox will have more than 450 attorneys focusing on regulatory, transactional, intellectual property, and litigation counseling. Beginning in 2019, the firm will operate in Washington, DC, Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco, and Boston, where Arent Fox will have one of the largest offices in the city.

"We see a lot of ourselves in Posternak," said Firmwide Managing Partner Cristina A. Carvalho. "They are a firm with talented attorneys and an excellent, collegial culture. In addition, Arent Fox advises a number of Boston-based companies in the life science, technology, and private equity fields. Those sectors are a real strength in Boston and they are an excellent fit for our regulatory and corporate services."

"Arent Fox and Posternak share a vision for client service," said Posternak Managing Partner Ira J. Deitsch. "Posternak has

been incredibly successful in Boston and this deal creates an opportunity to build on those achievements. As a result of this merger, both firms will be better able to serve clients from gateway markets, while retaining the close relationships, responsiveness, and understanding of our clients' business that are paramount. We look forward to joining the Arent Fox family."