

Perkins Coie Adds Litigator in Dallas

Mark L. Johansen has joined Perkins Coie's Commercial Litigation practice as a partner in Dallas.

Johansen is a trial lawyer who focuses on complex commercial litigation in state and federal courts in Texas. He regularly represents clients in litigation involving contract disputes, mergers and acquisitions, business torts, labor and employment, trade secret violations, securities and shareholder litigation.

"Mark is a highly regarded litigator in Texas whose practice will benefit greatly from joining our national platform," said Katie O'Sullivan, Chair of Perkins Coie's Commercial Litigation practice. "His addition to our firm will deepen our litigation bench in Texas and across the region."

In a release, the firm said Johansen has achieved victories for clients in a wide range of industries including energy, financial services, healthcare, insurance, manufacturing, private equity, real estate and technology. He also represents clients in arbitration proceedings before the American Arbitration Association (AAA), and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). He has been recognized as a Texas Super Lawyer, by Best Lawyers in America for commercial litigation and as one of the "Best Lawyers in Dallas" by D Magazine.

"Bringing Mark onboard is in line with our strategy in Dallas to add talented attorneys in key practice areas," said Bobby Majumder, Managing Partner of Perkins Coie's Dallas office. "With a rapidly expanding regional economy, the demand for our services is growing and Perkins Coie is well positioned in many key areas, including healthcare, real estate, litigation,

corporate and securities, intellectual property, technology transactions and labor/employment.”

“I am extremely happy to be joining Perkins Coie where I will be able to offer my litigation clients the expanded services that Perkins Coie offers,” said Johansen. “I talked with a number of firms, but it became clear to me early on that Perkins Coie was the best fit. They had a need for a seasoned litigation partner in Dallas and their full-service platform was exactly what I was looking for so it was an easy choice.”

Born and raised in Dallas, Johansen was most recently a name partner at litigation trial boutique Gruber Hail Johansen Shank, which he helped found in 2006. He earned his J.D. from the University of Oklahoma and received his B.B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin.