

## Benesch Adds Experienced Litigation Partner In Chicago

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Law360 (March 28, 2022, 4:00 PM EDT) -- Benesch Friedlander Coplan & Aronoff LLP recently hired a veteran attorney with decades of experience representing large corporations in class action litigation as a partner in its Chicago office.

Paul A. Del Aguila joined Benesch's litigation practice last Monday after nearly three years at Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP. He told Law360 Pulse on Monday that he joined Benesch because of the firm's rapid growth in Chicago and its dedication to diversity, equity and inclusion.

"Benesch is a great firm with a Chicago office that's grown exponentially over the past six years," he said. "It has a thriving litigation practice, and for me, it's a really great platform for my growing practice as the firm and the attorneys specialize in sophisticated and high stakes litigation."



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Del Aguila also cited the firm's culture and its attorneys, adding that at this stage of his career, he's hoping to be at the firm until he reaches retirement age.

"Benesch's attorneys have a client-first mentality that sort of pervades the entire firm and they believe in providing the finest legal experience to all the firm's clients," he said. "My clients are going to benefit from such a culture and mindset where the attorneys are driven to make sure their needs are met in all aspects."

Del Aguila graduated from the University of California-Irvine and the University of Illinois College of Law. He mainly represents product manufacturers, food and beverage companies, automotive manufacturers and other companies in consumer protection, product liability and other litigation matters. He also counsels clients on regulatory inquiries, product recalls and related matters.

During his career, Del Aguila has represented several major corporations in a wide range of disputes, including medical device manufacturers Boston Scientific and CR Bard, in multidistrict litigation over pelvic mesh implants.

"That's been a great experience, managing teams of attorneys with respect to the litigation issues that come up," he said. "Some of my commercial litigation work has involved the defense of big companies in class actions alleging deceptive and misleading labeling practices. It's been interesting in respect to some of the allegations made by plaintiffs and their attorneys."

Del Aguila said he started his career as a general tort attorney with Shook Hardy & Bacon LLP before eventually focusing on litigation. He subsequently spent 15 years at Greenberg Traurig LLP before joining Faegre Drinker in 2019.

"Something about litigation and litigators and the teamwork required to bring a good result for the client spoke to me as a person and how I viewed that teamwork," he said. "It was an easy decision to start in the litigation practice, and I've been doing this for 20 years and I've loved every minute of it."

Del Aguila's arrival comes a few months after Benesch named one of the largest January partner

classes, promoting 13 attorneys in areas such as litigation, construction, intellectual property and securities. Last year the firm also made hires in Chicago, San Francisco and Columbus, Ohio.

Benesch has over 300 attorneys in offices in Chicago, Cleveland, Columbus, Hackensack, New Jersey, San Francisco, Shanghai and Wilmington, Delaware, according to the firm.

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