

Skadden Adds Three Premier Complex Civil Litigators

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Three of the nation’s premier complex litigation lawyers are joining Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP as partners in the Washington, D.C. office.

The three partners — John Beisner, Stephen Harburg and Jessica Davidson Miller — have a broad portfolio of experience, including products liability, securities, consumer fraud and antitrust litigation. They advise clients in many industries, including pharma, financial services and manufacturing. All three were partners at another major international law firm, where Mr. Beisner chaired the Class Actions, Mass Torts and Aggregated Litigation Practice Group. Together, they have represented an array of U.S. and international corporations in more than 650 class actions in federal and state courts nationwide at both the trial and appellate court levels. They also have been active on civil justice reform issues, having played a key role in the development and enactment of the federal Class Action Fairness Act of 2005.

“John, Steve and Jessica are recognized throughout the country for their many accomplishments in complex civil litigation. Their addition to our powerhouse team of lawyers expands our capabilities as we help clients navigate through their most contentious, high-stakes litigation,” said Eric J. Friedman, Skadden’s executive partner.

Ranked in the top tier in *Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business*, Mr. Beisner was called “an oracle on aggregated litigation” by the publication. Among other high-profile cases, he represented Merck in its Vioxx litigation. Last September, the *American Lawyer Litigation Daily* named him “Litigator of the Week” for his role in negotiating with state attorneys general a settlement of the Countrywide Finance/Bank of America mortgage lending practices investigation that established a creative loan modification program intended to help over 400,000 families stay in their homes. “The opportunity to work from Skadden’s preeminent global platform offers an unparalleled opportunity to build our practice at this propitious time,” said Mr. Beisner.