

Ariel D. Cudkowicz Appointed Chair of Seyfarth Shaw's Single-Plaintiff Litigation Practice Group

Boston, MA (April 13, 2009)—Seyfarth Shaw LLP, one of America's leading full-service law firms, announced today that Ariel D. Cudkowicz, a partner based in the firm's Boston office, has been appointed Chair of the firm's national Single-Plaintiff Litigation Practice Group. Cudkowicz's principal areas of concentration are managing national single-plaintiff client relations and litigating state law and federal wage and hour matters.

"Ariel is a talented litigator and well-respected among his peers," said Jeremy P. Sherman, Chair of Seyfarth Shaw's Labor and Employment Department which houses the Single-Plaintiff Litigation Practice Group. "Ariel succeeds Frederick T. (Fritz) Smith whom we applaud for his leadership over the course of the past several years. We are very appreciative to Fritz for his contributions and look forward to working with Ariel to continue to build upon his hard work and success."

Seyfarth Shaw's employment litigation attorneys defend a number of employment cases: from single-plaintiff discrimination or common law actions to complex class actions; from disparate treatment claims to disparate impact theories involving complex statistical or econometric evidence; and from individual employee benefit claims to ERISA class actions on behalf of thousands. The Single-Plaintiff Litigation Practice Group provides innovative legal services by utilizing Lean Six Sigma methodologies to deliver optimal process efficiencies and budget predictability to clients.

"I'm honored to lead the Single-Plaintiff Litigation Practice Group, which enjoys a formidable history of arguing precedent-setting cases before federal and state appellate courts nationwide, including the U.S. Supreme Court," remarked Cudkowicz. "I look forward to continuing the successes set forth by my predecessor and offering best-in-class services to our clients."

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