



## *Press Release: Kaufman Dolowich Quadruples Size of Chicago Office With the Addition of 15 Baugh Dalton Attorneys*

(March 1, 2017, Chicago, IL) — Kaufman Dolowich & Voluck LLP (KD), a leading national law firm, today announced that it is quadrupling the size of its Chicago office with the addition of 15 attorneys from Chicago-based Baugh Dalton LLC, a boutique law firm specializing in financial services, professional and general liability, employment practices liability, commercial litigation and insurance coverage.

Eight partners, four associates and three of counsel from Baugh Dalton will be joining the KD Chicago office. Baugh Dalton named partners David A. Baugh and John D. Dalton will be joining KD where they will be co-managing partners of the Chicago office with KD veteran Stefan Dandelles, who joined KD in 2014 along with David T. Brown and Brendan P. McGarry, when the firm opened its Chicago office. Baugh will also be co-chair of KD's Financial Services Practice Group along with Dandelles and Gregg Breitbart.

Other partners joining KD are Mary Kay Morrissey, James C. Yong, Daniel A. Hetzel, Jamie B. Palfai, Joseph R. Fortunato, Jr. and Raya D. Bogard. Associates joining KD are Monica V. Banasiuk, Sinjan Bose, Emily R. Norris and Matthew Yost. Of counsel joining the firm are David R. Carlson, Edmund S. McAlister and John D. Purdy, Jr. Baugh Dalton is bringing nine support staff to KD.

"There are a lot of great synergies between KD and Baugh Dalton including our clients and the quality of the attorneys, especially in the areas of financial services, professional liability, employment practices liability and commercial litigation," said Ivan J. Dolowich, Co-Managing Partner of Kaufman Dolowich & Voluck. "In looking for the optimum way to take the next major step in our growth in the Midwest, Baugh Dalton is a perfect partner."

Partner David Baugh is also a licensed CPA and concentrates his practice in corporate, commercial and securities litigation, professional malpractice defense and directors' and officers' liability claims. He earned his B.B.A. cum laude from the University of Georgia and his J.D. from the University of Tennessee College of Law.

Partner John Dalton, also a CPA, focuses his practice in professional liability, insurance coverage and commercial litigation. He defends attorneys, insurance agents, registered investment advisors, broker/dealers, condominium associations, accountants, actuaries and psychiatrists. He also represents insurance carriers in complex coverage litigation and advises insurers on difficult coverage issues that often arise in Illinois such as estoppel and targeted tender. Dalton earned his B.A. from Illinois Wesleyan University and his J.D. from the John Marshall Law School.

"In the three years since KD opened its Chicago office, the firm has earned a reputation as one dedicated to defending financial firms and financial professionals in a wide range of cases before FINRA and in state and federal courts as well as representing clients in our signature practices —complex insurance coverage, employment practices liability, and the defense of professional liability claims," said Dandelles. "We are really looking forward to integrating the Baugh Dalton lawyers into our national platform, meeting their clients and introducing them to ours."

"KD's national footprint, the joint clients we both service and the tremendous bench strength created in this competitive marketplace when you combine the experience and background of all of the KD and Baugh Dalton attorneys were all factors in our decision to become a part of KD," said Baugh. "Our goals for the new Chicago office are to be a major player in the Midwest and support the long-term growth of KD nationwide."

Mary Kay Morrissey focuses her practice in the areas of labor and employment litigation, including sexual harassment, sexual discrimination, age discrimination, disability discrimination, wage and hour compliance and class and collective action, in addition to commercial litigation, professional malpractice litigation, and managed health care litigation. She earned her B.S. from Marquette University and her J.D. from the University of Tulsa Law School.

James Yong counsels self-regulatory organizations, broker-dealers, investment advisors, hedge funds, futures commission merchants and others in the financial services industry in regulatory matters before the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), State Blue Sky Commissioners, self-regulatory organizations and other regulators. He also litigates securities matters before industry arbitrators and the federal court. He earned his B.A. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and his J.D. from DePaul University College of Law.

Daniel Hetzel practices in the area of financial services litigation and arbitration as well as professional liability and civil litigation. He defends securities broker-dealers, registered investment advisers, registered representatives, financial advisors, insurance agents and other professionals in state and federal court and before the dispute resolution tribunal of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). He earned his B.A. from Northwestern University and his J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School.

Jamie Palfai will continue to work in Phoenix, AZ. He concentrates his practice in corporate, commercial and securities-related litigation as well as various state and federal regulatory matters. He earned his B.Sc. from McGill University and his J.D. from the University of Arizona College of Law.

Joseph Fortunato Jr. serves as outside general counsel for the Mainstreet Organization of Realtors®, the largest regional Board of Realtors® in Illinois. He has been a member of the drafting committee of the Multi-Board Residential Real Estate Contract. He recently authored a book entitled "Getting Started as a Real Estate Attorney" published by the ABA. He earned his B.A. from Northern Illinois University and his J.D. from The John Marshall Law School.

Raya Bogard concentrates her practice in the areas of lending, business transactions, general corporate law, and real estate. Her practice involves representing commercial banking lenders, individual investors and businesses in the documentation and negotiation of real estate and asset-based loans. In addition, she represents businesses and entrepreneurs in a variety of business transaction including the formation, operation and sale of businesses and all aspects of the purchase, sale, lease and financing of real estate. She earned her B.S. from Illinois College and her J.D. from The John Marshall Law School.

The five KD attorneys in Chicago will relocate to Baugh Dalton's current Chicago office at 135 S. LaSalle Street, #2100, Chicago, IL, 60603.

In addition to the partners, the other Baugh Dalton attorneys joining are:

- Monica Banasiuk, associate, focuses her practice on financial services litigation, professional liability, commercial litigation and insurance coverage. She earned her B.S. from the University of Michigan and her J.D. from Chicago-Kent College of Law.
- Sinjan Bose, associate, concentrates his practice in the areas of insurance coverage, financial services litigation and arbitration, professional liability and commercial litigation. He earned his B.S. from the University of Michigan and his J.D. from Chicago-Kent College of Law.
- Emily Norris, associate, focuses a substantial portion of her practice in litigation and arbitration involving securities broker-dealer firms and their brokers and insurance coverage. She earned her B.S. from the University of California, San Diego and her J.D. from the University of Illinois College of Law.
- Matthew Yost, associate, concentrates his practice on financial services litigation and arbitration, insurance coverage, professional liability and commercial litigation. He received his B.S. from the University of Houston and his J.D. from Chicago-Kent College of Law.
- David Carlson, of counsel, concentrates his practice in commercial litigation including professional malpractice and, in particular, corporate directors' and officers' (D&O) liability, attorneys' malpractice and insurance agents' liability. He has represented insurance carriers in connection with coverage disputes and other matters of policy interpretation including First Southern Bank, United American Banks in Tennessee, First Republic Bank Corporation in Texas and AmeriFirst Trust Company. Over the past several years, he has managed the firm's third-party administration of over 350 claims from a run-off insurance agents errors and omissions program with a major nationwide insurance company. He earned his B.B.A. from the University of Notre Dame and his J.D. from DePaul University College of Law.
- Edmund McAlister, of counsel, focuses his practice on insurance coverage disputes under general liability, Directors & Officers liability, and all-risk insurance policies as well as on general commercial litigation. His litigation experience includes large, complex, and high profile cases. He has litigated numerous coverage and bad faith matters for domestic and foreign insurer clients. He earned his B.S. from Murray State University and his J.D. from DePaul University College of Law.

- John Purdy, of counsel, concentrates his practice in the representation of lenders and closely held businesses (for which he frequently functions as outside general counsel), and the owners of such businesses in business and personal matters. Among his clients are individuals, banks and asset-based lenders, financial intermediaries, software developers, a number of internet-based companies, and an independent records storage company. He earned his B.A. from Yale University and his J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School.

#### About Kaufman Dolowich & Voluck LLP

Kaufman Dolowich & Voluck LLP is a leading national law firm serving the insurance and business communities in a number of key practice areas. Its seasoned litigators and legal practitioners place clients first, think like business people, and provide viable and innovative solutions that offer clients the best resolution possible. Headquartered in Woodbury, New York (Long Island), KD serves its global clientele with additional offices in New York City, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Boca Raton, Ft. Lauderdale and Chicago. For more information on KD, its practice areas, offices or attorneys go to <http://www.kaufmandolowich.com>.