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## News Release

### VETERAN CLASS ACTION AND FINANCIAL SERVICES LITIGATOR DOUGLAS A. THOMPSON JOINS SNELL & WILMER'S LOS ANGELES OFFICE

**LOS ANGELES (May 8, 2023)** – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to welcome Commercial Litigation Partner [Douglas A. Thompson](#) to the Los Angeles office.

Thompson defends class action litigation matters and represents financial institutions and businesses in related regulatory investigations. Throughout his career, he has represented clients in more than 250 putative class actions and has been admitted pro hac vice in numerous federal district courts. He assists clients in mitigating emerging regulatory and litigation risk, and collaborates with clients to champion inclusion, innovation, and thought leadership initiatives. He joins from Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP.



Douglas A. Thompson

“We continually look for gifted lawyers and strategic growth opportunities that make sense for our office and clients,” said [Josh Schneiderman](#), managing partner of the Los Angeles office. “Doug’s unique perspective and insight gained from leading in-house corporate litigation teams, coupled with his stellar reputation and extensive experience representing clients in putative class actions will further strengthen the quality of services we offer to our clients. We are pleased to welcome Doug to the firm and our downtown Los Angeles office.”

Thompson has defended a variety of businesses across multiple industries, including technology, food, and cosmetics, retail, and financial services companies, against statutory claims challenging operations and sales practices, labeling, and marketing statements, and ESG and sustainability risk considerations such as purported green washing and other disclosures risks.

Earlier in his career, Thompson spent more than a decade leading in-house corporate law department litigation and related legal administration strategy. In this capacity, he managed a national financial services institution’s enterprise-wide class actions and litigation including consumer finance, employment, commercial, and securities litigation. Thompson’s extensive in-house experience enables him to focus litigation strategy and resources to address the issues most critical to institutional clients. Additionally, in the decade prior to joining Snell & Wilmer and while a partner at an international Am Law 100 firm, he served in a variety of firm leadership roles, most recently as co-leader of that firm’s Global Banking Sector. An avid writer and thought leader, Thompson authors client alerts and other publications and provides educational programming covering a variety of timely topics including ESG sustainability disclosures and reporting, as well as financial services litigation, regulatory risk, enforcement, and governance issues. Thompson received his J.D. from Pepperdine University and his B.A., cum laude, from Tufts University.

“I am thrilled to join the Snell & Wilmer team,” said Thompson. “The firm is laser-focused on partnering with clients to provide unparalleled client value, learning from clients to develop insightful industry-targeted legal strategy, and working with clients to advance inclusion, equity, and opportunity across the firm and in our communities – key cornerstones of my professional life and practice. I look forward to rolling up my sleeves with Josh, Chair Barb Dawson, and everyone at the firm to serve our clients and our communities.”

“Doug’s experience and perspectives are a perfect fit for our growing platform,” said Firm Chair [Barb Dawson](#). “We are committed to deepening our bench for our financial services clients and continuing to grow our West Coast presence. We welcome Doug’s industry-focused acumen and passion for inclusion and community engagement.”

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