



Brad Lakin announces the formation of a new law firm, LakinChapman, LLC.

Brad Lakin of The Lakin Law Firm has announced the formation of a new law firm, LakinChapman, LLC, effective January 1, 2009.

“In the last decade, our firm has developed a growing national reputation in several key practice areas, including product liability, class action law, maritime law, nursing home abuse law, and railroad worker injury law. We have added an office in Chicago and are looking to expand our presence in the Southwest, Lakin said.

“For the last several years, we have been planning to create a brand-new firm with a new organization that reflects our growing national practice. I am pleased to announce publicly the formation of LakinChapman, LLC and am proud to introduce my new minority partner in this firm, well-respected former Appellate Court Judge Charles Chapman.”

Charles Chapman, who has worked as a trial attorney in association with The Lakin Law Firm since his retirement from the bench, said, “Our new firm is being organized around our key practice areas and will help us retain and recruit exceptional trial lawyers to help us provide the highest level of quality representation to our clients.”

Chapman said the firm also reflects the reality of its national-level practice. “Major cases, such as a \$43 million Ford verdict won by us has gained national attention and referrals from across the country, including cases against Ford in Ohio by a police officer, in Arkansas by a victim burned after an auto accident and in Indiana where our client’s F-150 pickup truck suddenly burst into flames while the car was being driven.”

The firm will be divided into seven practice areas, each overseen by an experience litigator. Those practice areas include maritime law, railroad law, complex litigation, nursing home abuse, workers compensation, personal injury and appellate law.

Each of these practice area leaders will serve on a lawyers' council that will participate in the management of the firm. Charles Chapman will oversee the lawyers' council.

The new firm will continue its growth in the Complex Litigation area, namely consumer class actions, and new practices areas like qui tam (whistleblower) litigation. The cases are being pursued all over the country.

Lakin said, "While we're changing and growing, we are still committed to maintaining the mission that has guided The Lakin Law Firm from its inception: to give working men and women the kind of quality, legal representation they need and deserve. We are a law firm committed to representing people- families, consumers, injury victims and small business owners. We will continue to fight to even the odds for injured people against insurance companies and powerful corporations."