

## London Fischer Nabs Ex-Wilson Elser Liability Defense Pros

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Law360, New York (April 10, 2017, 8:29 PM EDT) -- A former Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP managing partner and two fellow attorneys joined London Fischer LLP in its New York office on Friday, strengthening the firm's capabilities in defending lawyers and other professionals and companies against liability claims.

Thomas A. Leghorn will lead London Fischer's professional liability defense group after having done the same at his former firm, where he also served as a member of its executive committee, according to London Fischer. Leghorn joins the practice group along with former Wilson Elser partner A. Ernest Tonorezos and of counsel Sheryl Parker.

"As our professional liability coverage practice has grown, our firm has been asked to increase our litigators in the companion discipline of professional liability defense," firm founding partner Bernard London said in a statement. "Tom Leghorn, Ernie Tonorezos and Sheryl Parker are accomplished attorneys in professional liability, and we are proud to have them join our firm."

Leghorn leaves Wilson Elser after approximately 35 years there, nearly 30 of which were spent as a partner. His clients have included attorneys, insurance agents and brokers, securities broker-dealers, architects, and engineers, whom he has defended in a variety of professional liability matters.

And his experience as chair of Wilson Elser's intellectual property and cyber groups has allowed him to represent clients in data breach and other cybersecurity cases, as well as copyright and trademark defense work.

"I'm most excited to be in a new place that reinvigorates me, to once again build to expand upon my practice and client base and to provide a broader and more solid platform for the younger members of my team to continue in long after my career comes to an end," Leghorn told Law360 on Monday.

Like Leghorn, Tonorezos has represented law firms and other professional organizations in liability cases. For example, he successfully represented firm David A. Bornn PC in a 2007 malpractice lawsuit in New York federal court related to the building of a resort in the Virgin Islands. Tonorezos stipulated a dismissal from the case in May 2009.

He has also represented parties in debt collection cases and litigation concerning midair aircraft collisions.

Tonorezos told Law360 on Monday that he looked up to Leghorn during his time at Wilson Elser and is excited to move with him to a new firm and continue that relationship.

"I had the opportunity to continue to work with someone who has already provided me with great experiences in my career, and I was not going to let that opportunity pass me by," Tonorezos said.



Tom Leghorn