

NY Litigation Boutique Opens Santa Monica Office With Greenberg Glusker Lawyer

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What You Need to Know

- Barton has brought on trial lawyer Bernie Resser from Greenberg Glusker.
- Resser is launching the New York-based firm's third office in Santa Monica.



Bernard "Bernie" Resser of Barton.
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New York-based transactional and litigation boutique Barton is planting its flag on the West Coast. The 35-attorney firm said Tuesday it is opening a Santa Monica office helmed by trial lawyer Bernard "Bernie" Resser, who previously spent 10 years at Los Angeles-based midsize firm Greenberg Glusker Fields Claman & Machtinger.

Resser, who is also a former assistant U.S. attorney, has represented clients in matters related to financial services, real estate, shareholder derivative actions, securities litigation, theft of trade secrets and intellectual property disputes, the firm said.

"Bernie's reputation as a top tier national trial lawyer adds incredible talent to our team," Roger Barton, managing partner of Barton, said in a statement. "After many years of friendship and collaboration on numerous cases, we could not overlook the prospect of having Bernie join us and create a coast-to-coast offering for our clients."

Barton has grown recently through lateral additions from Am Law 100 firms. In 2021, the firm added Julie-Karel Elkin, formerly of Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani, to lead its outside general counsel practice from Nashville. It also brought on corporate and real estate attorney Michael Pollack, who previously practiced at Ballard Spahr.

East Coast midsize and boutique firms, some of which have historically resisted coming to the West Coast, have been increasingly following their clients to the Golden State in recent months.

Last week, Kaufman Dolowich Voluck, a Long Island, New York-based litigation firm, acquired an eight-lawyer team from real estate boutique Greenberg, Whitcombe, Takeuchi & Gibson and launched an office in Torrance. In September, Boston-born boutique finance firm Riemer & Braunstein opened a Newport Beach office with Jones Day partner Mark Appelbaum.

Reached for comment on Resser's departure, Greenberg Glusker managing partner Bob Baradaran said, "We are thankful for his contributions to our firm and wish him the best."