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PROMINENT COMMERCIAL LITIGATOR PIXTON JOINS QUINN EMANUEL IN CHICAGO

Joins from Kirkland & Ellis, where he was a partner, bringing expertise in class action defense, complex commercial and mass torts.

CHICAGO – Adding to its growing Chicago office and strengthening its capabilities in complex multidistrict litigation and class-action defense, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP today announced that R. Allan Pixton has joined the firm as a partner, resident in Chicago. Pixton joins from Kirkland & Ellis, where he was a partner. At Quinn Emanuel, Pixton will be a member of the Complex Multidistrict Litigation (MDL) and the Class Action practice groups, the firm said.

As a trial lawyer, Pixton has a wide range of experience in a broad array of complex commercial, class action, and mass tort litigation matters in state and federal trial and appellate courts across the country. He has extensive experience representing plaintiffs and defendants in high-stakes class actions, product liability, environmental, breach of contract, consumer protection, fraud, RICO and TCPA matters, among others. He also has a strong commitment to social justice and *pro bono* work.

“Allan will be a great addition to our firm. He has an outstanding reputation based on his time with Kirkland & Ellis, and he will broaden and expand it with Quinn Emanuel,” said John B. Quinn, the firm’s Founder and Chairman.

A *cum laude* graduate of Northwestern University’s Pritzker School of Law, Pixton has in the past represented General Motors in various putative class actions alleging product liability and violations of consumer protection statutes. Additionally, he represented GM in multidistrict litigation and related matters arising out of various recalls.

“Allan is a first-class trial lawyer, and we are delighted he has decided to join Quinn Emanuel,” said Jonathan C. Bunge, Co-Chair of the firm’s National Trial Practice and Managing Partner of the Chicago office. “Our Chicago office continues to grow, with deep roots in this market and global reach.”

Pixton also played a key role in several litigation matters arising from the *Deepwater Horizon* incident, including congressional and government investigations. He also represented BP in a lawsuit filed against the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in which BP challenged the legality of EPA's decision to suspend BP from entering government contracts and leases. The matter was successfully resolved when EPA lifted the suspension.

This year, the *National Law Journal* named Pixton an 'Immigration Law Trailblazer' for his *pro bono* work with immigrants and asylum-seekers coming to the United States.

"I am thrilled to be joining Quinn Emanuel, which has a peerless reputation for having the best trial lawyers in the world. For business litigation, they are simply in a class by themselves. I am excited to be practicing with this outstanding team of lawyers," Pixton said.

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Quinn Emanuel has been named the No. 1 "most feared" law firm by *The BTI Consulting Group* three times in its annual "Most Feared Law Firms in Litigation" guide, in which in-house counsel named 46 firms they "want to steer clear of" when it comes to litigation. *The American Lawyer* named Quinn Emanuel the top IP litigation firm in the U.S. and the firm as one of the top six commercial litigation firms in the country. The UK legal periodical, *The Lawyer* named us "International Firm of the Year." *Law360* has most recently selected us as having Banking, Class Action, International Arbitration, and Trials "Practice Groups of the Year." *Managing IP* twice recognized us as having the "Best ITC Litigation Practice" and honored us with the "Patent Contentious West" award. *Legal Business* has named us "US Law Firm of the Year" three times, and our German offices have twice been named both "IP Litigation Firm of the Year" and "Patent Litigation Firm of the Year" by *JUVE*, Germany's most prestigious legal publication. *Global Investigations Review*, a leading legal periodical covering global white-collar investigations, named us the "Most Impressive Investigations Practice of the Year." *Global Arbitration Review* named us one of the top 5 arbitration practice in the world. *Global Competition Review* named our antitrust and competition practice among the "25 Global Elite," and has included us in their list of the world's top 10 competition litigation practices.