

## **NEWS RELEASE**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** 

#### **Media Contact:**

Lawrence Martinez +1 310 203 4078

lawrence.martinez@FaegreDrinker.com

## **Office Locations:**

#### California

Los Angeles San Francisco Silicon Valley

#### Colorado

Boulder Denver

## Connecticut

Hartford

## Delaware

Wilmington

## **District of Columbia**

Washington, D.C.

#### Illinois

Chicago

#### Indiana

Fort Wayne Indianapolis

## Iowa

**Des Moines** 

#### Minnesota

Minneapolis

## **New Jersey**

Florham Park Princeton

#### **New York**

Albany New York

## Pennsylvania

Philadelphia

#### Texas

**Dallas** 

## China

Beijing Shanghai

## **United Kingdom**

London

# Faegre Drinker Adds Top Litigator John Ursu in Minneapolis

MINNEAPOLIS (April 6, 2020) — <u>Faegre Drinker</u> announced today that John W. Ursu has joined the firm's <u>Minneapolis</u> office as a partner in the <u>Business Litigation</u> group. Ursu comes to the firm from Greene Espel PLLP, where he practiced for 15 years.

Known for his aggressive, creative and effective approach to highstakes litigation, Ursu has achieved outstanding results for corporate clients in some of the most challenging jurisdictions in the country. Over the past five years, he has led clients to victories in cases involving more than \$5 billion of potential liability and 60,000 plaintiffs, including outright dismissals of third-party complaints in multidistrict litigation and consolidated state litigation, putative class actions, a CAFA-removed mass action, and a consolidated mass-tort state action. Ursu has won on issues of first impression involving the integration of new technology, making new law for the benefit of his clients.

"John's strong reputation as a strategic thinker and deep experience with big cases and complex litigation make him an exciting addition," Faegre Drinker co-chairs Thomas C. Froehle, Jr. and Andrew C. Kassner said in a joint statement. "Our firm is 'Designed for Clients,' and his record of client service and results dovetails perfectly with that."

Daniel J. Collins and Deborah A. Ellingboe, co-leaders of Faegre Drinker's Litigation group, said in a joint statement, "Innovative companies need innovative lawyers, and that is the value John brings to the firm. He has demonstrated vision, leadership and a will to win that will enhance our exceptional international litigation bench. We have known John for many years, and he is an excellent addition to our Minneapolis office."

Ursu has been named to "Best Lawyers in America" for his national commercial practice. In 2019, he was one of only 18 lawyers nationwide — and the only lawyer in Minnesota — to be named a BTI "Client Service All-Star MVP," which "honors the individuals able to stand out in the sea of legal services providers to represent the cream

of the crop." He serves on the board of directors of Neighborhood Justice Center, one of Minnesota's oldest public-defender organizations.

Ursu earned his bachelor's degree from Kenyon College and a master's degree from the University of Exeter. He received his Juris Doctor from the University of Michigan Law School, where Ursu was both managing editor of the Michigan Law Review and the Campbell Moot Court Champion.

With 250 litigators licensed in key jurisdictions throughout the United States, China and the U.K., Faegre Drinker's Litigation team provides unparalleled counsel services, comprehensive on-the-ground litigation support and key local court relationships.

## **About Faegre Drinker**

Faegre Drinker is a firm designed for clients, providing exceptional transactional, litigation and regulatory services to organizations ranging from emerging enterprises to multinational companies. With more than 1,300 attorneys, consultants and professionals in 22 locations across the United States, in the United Kingdom and in China, Faegre Drinker is one of the nation's top-50 law firms. Faegre Drinker Consulting and the District Policy Group, the firm's advisory and advocacy divisions, based in Washington, D.C., provide public policy, regulatory and technical services to key sectors of the economy. Additional services include Tritura Information Governance, the firm's data science subsidiary, and Innovative Health Strategies, a health care consultancy that helps hospitals operate efficiently and improve quality of service. Learn more at FaegreDrinker.com.