

Thompson Hine Adds 6 Financial Services Attys In Chicago

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Law360 (February 3, 2026, 3:12 PM EST) -- Thompson Hine LLP has expanded its Chicago office with a six-attorney securities litigation and regulatory enforcement team from UB Greensfelder LLP.

The team is led by litigation partner Alan Wolper, and includes partners Heidi E. VonderHeide and Nathan W. Lamb, as well as associates Morgan K. Johnson, John J. Miceli and Mark R. Illingworth, the firm said in a statement Monday.

The group advises financial institutions, broker-dealers, investment advisers and registered persons nationwide in court proceedings, arbitrations and in connection with regulatory inquiries, examinations, investigations and enforcement actions instituted by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and state securities regulators.

In an email to Law360 Pulse Tuesday, Wolper said the team was attracted to Thompson Hine because the firm truly lives its entrepreneurial values.

"From our first conversation, leadership understood our practice and immediately offered a clear, strategic vision for how to grow it — including thoughtful expansion into key coastal markets," he wrote. "We were also impressed by how authentic, accessible, and enthusiastic the leadership team is."

In a separate statement provided Tuesday, Kevin T. McLaughlin, co-managing partner of UB Greensfelder, said his firm "has a deep and well-established financial services practice, which continues to serve clients in Chicago and nationally."

"In a highly fluid legal market where lateral movement is common, our firmwide 2026 strategic plan focuses on continued investment in priority practices and talent to support long-term growth," according to McLaughlin's statement. "Our focus remains on delivering exceptional client service and executing that strategy."

Wolper represents brokers, broker-dealers and investment advisers in investigations and disciplinary actions brought by securities regulators. He also defends customer arbitrations before FINRA panels and is the editor of and principal contributor to a law blog for broker-dealers called BDLawCorner.com, his LinkedIn profile showed.



Alan Wolper



Heidi E. VonderHeide



Nathan W. Lamb

Prior to joining UB Greensfelder two years ago, Wolper was a partner at Ulmer & Berne LLP and Locke Lord LLP. He also previously served as a district director for FINRA and the National Association of Securities Dealers. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina School of Law.

VonderHeide had been at her prior firm since graduating from Loyola University Chicago School of Law over 14 years ago, according to her LinkedIn page.

Besides his securities-related litigation, Lamb has expertise in matters involving cryptocurrency, digital assets and blockchain. Lamb had also been a partner at Ulmer & Berne and is a former Locke Lord attorney. He is a graduate of Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law.

Tony White, managing partner of Thompson Hine, said in the firm's statement: "Bringing Alan, Heidi, and Nathan on board meaningfully advances our strategy to build a differentiated national bench in financial services litigation and regulation, significantly expanding our capacity to handle complex, multiform financial services disputes and counsel industry clients across key markets."

The new Chicago hires also build on firmwide growth, which includes the January launch of the firm's Silicon Valley office with the lawyers from Turner Boyd Seraphine, White added.

Wolper noted he and his fellow team members are seeing several key trends, including a clear shift from one-off customer disputes to large, product-driven waves of arbitrations.

"When an alternative investment underperforms or faces liquidity pressure, the claimant's bar often launches coordinated filings against multiple firms and advisors who sold it," he said. "Standardized marketing materials and disclosures make these cases easy to replicate, which drives volume."

At the same time, regulators and claimants are putting more focus on supervision, training and disclosure, and closely examining how firms documented conversations around liquidity, concentration and risk.

"The result is fewer individualized suitability cases and more broad-based campaigns centered on specific products, requiring firms to respond with consistent defenses, disciplined matter management, and strong control of data and documents," Wolper added.

Johnson is a former associate regional director of FINRA. She is a graduate of the University of Illinois College of Law.

Miceli's legal experience includes working as an associate at Kopecky Schumacher Rosenberg LLC and Lipe Lyons Murphy Nahrstadt & Pontikis Ltd. after earning his law degree from Loyola University Chicago School of Law.

Illingworth was a market supervisory officer at UBS before moving to UB Greensfelder in 2024, his LinkedIn said. He is a graduate of Northern Kentucky University's Chase College of Law.

Jonathon Vinocur, the partner in charge of Thompson Hine's Chicago office, said in the firm's statement that the Chicago location "continues to scale across high-demand practices, and this team accelerates that momentum."

"Their litigation experience and market credibility enhance our ability to deliver the firm's full-service capabilities in Chicago and beyond," Vinocur said.

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