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## Littleton Joyce Adds Pepper Hamilton Product Liability Pro

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Law360, New York (March 05, 2014, 2:06 PM ET) -- Litigation boutique Littleton Joyce Ughetta Park & Kelly LLP has bolstered its product liability and class action litigation practice with the addition of a former Pepper Hamilton LLP attorney in New York, the firm said Tuesday.

Eric Goldberg, who worked as an associate at Pepper Hamilton in Princeton, N.J., for nine years before joining Littleton Joyce as partner on Feb. 4, specializes in the product liability sector and also has experience representing clients in derivative shareholder litigation, consumer financial services, mergers and acquisitions and securities litigation.

"Eric is well-seasoned in business litigation," Littleton Joyce partner Bob Littleton said in a statement. "He has run cases, first-chaired trials and enjoyed success on motions and appeals."

Although Goldberg has worked in many types of commercial litigation, he has developed a specialty in product liability defense. While at Pepper Hamilton, he represented many different manufacturers, including glass bottle manufacturers for carbonated beverages, and he had success in getting summary judgment and motions to dismiss for some of his clients, he said.

In 2010, he represented a Chinese iron component manufacturer in a lawsuit brought against it over a fire at a New Jersey K&G Men's Company Inc. department store. The fire started in a tailor shop within the store and K&G alleged that the manufacturer's iron was the cause of the fire that caused millions of dollars in damage.

Ultimately, Goldberg said he moved for summary judgment on behalf of his client and the New Jersey federal judge ended up granting his claims in full and dismissed the suit in May 2010.

Goldberg said Littleton Joyce's strength in trial law and the chance to spend more time in court attracted him to the firm.

"I love trying cases and getting into court to argue motions," he told Law360. "All in all, it was a great opportunity for me to be able to hopefully get into the court room more."

He also said the firm's boutique model will allow him the flexibility to offer clients lower fee arrangements than he would be able to charge at a larger firm. He said he knows many companies that are looking for great quality representation but at a lower rate, and he hopes to be able to expand his client base.

"Eric continues our approach of providing clients with first-class litigation counsel at very competitive rates," Littleton said in the statement. "We are thrilled that lawyers from great firms like Pepper Hamilton, McGuireWoods and Patterson Belknap are finding new ways to serve their clients from our boutique platform."

Goldberg earned his law degree from Georgetown University Law Center and his bachelor's degree from Columbia University. Before law school, Goldberg worked for a Wall Street investment bank.

With five offices from New York to Los Angeles, Littleton Joyce's 30 attorneys represent clients in a range of practice areas, with a specialty in product liability defense.

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