



GILBERT RANDOLPH LLP WELCOMES RETURNING LITIGATION PARTNER

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Gilbert Randolph LLP announced today that August J. Matteis, Jr. will be returning to his role as a litigation partner with the firm. Matteis briefly held a position with the Washington, DC firm Kelley Drye & Warren LLP but will rejoin Gilbert Randolph on June 11th.

"We are delighted with Augie's decision to return to the partnership of the firm," said Scott Gilbert, the firm's Chairman. "He is an extremely talented and effective trial lawyer, and the experience, skills and personality he brings to Gilbert Randolph are unique and valuable assets."

Matteis' return will enable him, among other things, once again to collaborate with Gilbert and others in state-of-the-art insurance litigation such as the *Continental Casualty Company v. Employers Insurance Company of Wausau (Keasbey)* asbestos case. While at Gilbert Randolph, Matteis was lead trial counsel in *Keasbey*, which resulted in a landmark decision for policyholders. During the multi-month trial, the firm successfully argued that a class of third-party claimants with asbestos-related injuries could recover potentially unlimited amounts under the premises/operations coverage of the general liability insurance policies issued to a now-defunct insulation contractor. The decision has received a great amount of attention and promises to have a lasting effect on future asbestos litigation.

"I am extremely anxious to rejoin my colleagues at Gilbert Randolph and especially delighted to be able to celebrate with Scott and the rest of the firm our joint success in the *Keasbey* case," Matteis added. "The unique quality of the firm, clients, and the talent we have is undeniable, and I look forward to continuing my career here."