

Allen Matkins Hires Ex-Kasowitz Commercial Litigator In NYC

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Law360 (October 20, 2026, 6:03 PM EDT) -- Allen Matkins Leck Gamble Mallory & Natsis LLP has hired veteran Kasowitz LLP commercial litigation attorney Edward E. Filusch to be a litigation partner in its New York City office, the firm announced.

On Tuesday, Filusch told Law360 that he joined Allen Matkins, in part, because former Kasowitz attorney Ronald R. Rossi joined the firm. According to his LinkedIn webpage, Filusch worked at Kasowitz for more than 16 years and left the firm in October as a partner.



Edward Filusch

"When my former law partner at Kasowitz, Ron Rossi, first told me about his move to Allen Matkins, I was energized by the opportunity to help build out a litigation team in New York, and by the opportunity to work with phenomenal transactional and real estate lawyers, as well as the strong litigation group in California," he said. "But what really sold me on making the leap was the people I met throughout the process; their passion for their work and personalities sealed the deal that Allen Matkins was the place for me."

When it came to his recent litigation work, Filusch pointed to working for commercial mortgage-backed securities noteholders that lodged breach of contract and fraud claims against the special servicer for the CMBS trust.

"Recently I represented CMBS noteholders in pursuing claims against the CMBS trust's special servicer for breach of contract and fraud arising out of the servicer's alleged breaches of the servicing standard that led to the largest loss on a CMBS conduit loan since the [2008] financial crisis," he said. "Not only did the case involve complex commercial real estate appraisal and valuation issues, but it presented novel legal issues regarding noteholders' rights and standing to pursue claims against servicers for their alleged misconduct."

Filusch also spoke about defending municipal bond insurer MBIA Inc. against a suit filed by "a dozen of the world's largest financial institutions" that challenged the company's \$5 billion restructuring process. He had represented the company for the suit from 2010 to 2013.

"The case served as my introduction to the world of structured products: [residential mortgage-backed securities], CMBS, and multi-sector [collateralized debt obligations], including modeling of potential losses on these securities under various stress scenarios," he said. "The breadth and depth of the facts and legal issues addressed over the years-long litigation provided new challenges daily. Ultimately, we

were able to achieve a complete victory, obtaining an affirmance of the regulator's approval of MBIA's corporate restructuring following a multi-week hearing."

"The win allowed MBIA and its municipal bond business to emerge intact from the housing crisis," he added.

When asked if his clients made the move with him to his new workplace, Filusch declined to comment.

In its Monday announcement, Allen Matkins described Filusch as an experienced commercial litigator who's represented clients such as investment firms, companies and business partnerships in court cases and arbitration proceedings.

He's been involved in real estate cases, commercial disputes, fraud cases, fiduciary duty cases, breach of contract disputes and more, the firm said.

Filusch received his law degree from the Georgetown University Law Center.

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