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Trial attorney on winning streak joins Lewis Brisbois in LA

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Tony M. Sain, who has won every trial in the past five years and 95% of appeals over his entire career, joined Lewis Brisbois on Monday as a Los Angeles partner in the firm's growing national trial practice.

"Lewis Brisbois is building a national trial practice that is going to rival the largest trial practices out there," Sain said. "It's going to be unparalleled in terms of the excellence of attorneys and in court litigation skills that they're trying to put together. When I heard about it and they expressed an interest in me and we started talking, it just got to a point where I couldn't say no."

Sain joined Lewis Brisbois from

Manning & Kass, Ellrod, Ramirez, Trester LLP.

"Tony's courtroom skills and impressive track record enhances our already deep national trial bench and will benefit our clients throughout the United States," Dana A. Fox, who will be creating the team with Sain, said in a statement Monday. "We are excited to have him on board and look forward to his contributions."

Sain won an officer-involved shooting case for the Riverside County sheriff, one of the first verdicts in favor of law enforcement following protests and riots last year over the police killing of George Floyd. He also successfully got a federal defense verdict restored in another case involving the Riverside County sheriff.

Sain will continue to do civil rights cases, which he called his

"bread and butter," but said the national trial practice will focus on bet-the-company cases and the skills needed to represent those go beyond any one area of the law.

"In court appellate advocacy, the ability to stand in front of a jury or stand in front of a court of appeal and make a cohesive, intelligent and persuasive argument, that's a skill set unto itself," Sain said. "And although the practice area and the area of law is always important, of course, it's almost a different kind of practice knowing what it takes to put on a winning trial ... and that's something that we are looking forward to sharing with the world, really."

Sain is also joining the firm's general liability practice. ■

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