



Constantine Loss (1-9-2004)

SUMMARY:

Mitchell Shapiro, who founded Constantine & Partners along with Lloyd Constantine and Eliot Spitzer, and who played a major part in the "VISA Check/MasterMoney Antitrust Litigation," has resigned to pursue new opportunities.



FULL STORY:

Mitchell C. Shapiro, a member of Constantine & Partners, P.C. has resigned from the Firm effective January 2, 2004. Mitch was a founding member of Constantine & Partners in 1994 along with Eliot Spitzer, Bob Begleiter, Yang Chen, Jeff Shinder, Abby Milstein and Lloyd Constantine. Mitch played a major part in the Firm's role as lead counsel for U.S. Merchants in the landmark Visa Check/MasterMoney Antitrust Litigation, which concluded last month with the District Court's final approval of a settlement of more than \$3 billion in compensatory relief and a historic injunction.

In the wake of that victory, Mitch has decided to pursue new opportunities. The Firm wishes Mitch continued success and appreciates all his work for the Firm and its clients.