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**TECH INDUSTRY IS A TARGET AS PLAINTIFFS' FIRMS
CONTINUE MIGRATION FROM TEXAS**

As Texas courts become less friendly to consumer litigants, many Texas plaintiffs firms have opened shop in California, which they consider a "level playing field" for their clients. But some California attorneys scoff at this migration.

"It isn't like overnight you can come into the community and hang up a shingle," said Brian Kabateck, a Los Angeles attorney who focuses on consumer fraud and product defect cases. "It takes most lawyers in California years to hang up their shingle and establish a reputation."

Kabateck, a partner at Kabateck Brown Kellner, added, "We want to see them participate in the plaintiffs' bar and the active community rather than just be carpetbaggers."