

Former Health and Human Services Deputy GC Joins Hogan Lovells

Hogan Lovells announced that David Horowitz, the former Deputy General Counsel of the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) who also spent 18 years with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as a lawyer and in senior management, has joined the firm as a partner.

“Over the course of his 25 year career at HHS and FDA, David has earned a sterling reputation within the industry,” said Alice Valder Curran, Head of Hogan Lovells’ Government Regulatory Practice Group. “His first-hand knowledge of both organizations, coupled with his in-depth knowledge of the law, will provide invaluable insight to our clients.”

In a release, the firm said:

As Deputy General Counsel at HHS over the past seven years, Horowitz oversaw and coordinated legal services in support of FDA, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the National Institutes of Health (NIH), as well as for international and emergency preparedness programs. He oversaw more than 200 lawyers in the Office of General Counsel (OGC), and provided counsel to the HHS Secretary, as well as senior HHS, FDA, and White House officials. His primary focus as Deputy General Counsel was on FDA regulatory policy and litigation. He worked daily with the FDA Chief Counsel, participating directly in drafting regulations and guidance documents, and contributing to numerous appellate and Supreme Court briefs.

“Our strategic objectives include enhancing our policy advocacy capabilities and continuing to expand our compliance and enforcement practice,” said Philip Katz,

chair of the firm's Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology Practice. "David is a key addition in that regard. Over the course of his long and distinguished career, David has developed not only substantial expertise in FDA law and policy, but also a deep understanding of the institutions, processes and cultures that influence how regulatory policy and compliance decisions are developed and implemented across all levels of government. We're thrilled to have him join the team."

Horowitz's service at FDA began in the Office of Chief Counsel (OCC), where he first litigated a variety of pharmaceutical regulatory matters, and then counseled officials in the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER). Horowitz moved from OCC to serve in several senior executive policy roles at FDA, including Assistant Commissioner for Policy, Assistant Commissioner for Compliance Policy, and Director of the CDER Office of Compliance. As head of drug compliance, he played a significant leadership role in major initiatives, including the modernization of the FDA's approach to pharmaceutical manufacturing quality, and the agency's efforts to develop and implement a more scientific, risk-based approach to inspection and enforcement.

"Resource constraints, a leaner government and increased deregulatory pressures will bring many changes to the FDA over the next several years," added David Fox, a leader of the firm's Global Life Sciences Industry Sector Team. "David will be instrumental in helping our clients anticipate and navigate these changes, and participate in the policy-making process."

"The world-class regulatory practice at Hogan Lovells is an ideal platform from which to make the most of my decades of legal and policy experience at HHS and FDA," said Horowitz. "I'm excited to join an extraordinarily talented and collegial group of lawyers, including many former colleagues

from HHS and FDA,” Horowitz added.

Horowitz earned his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law, and A.B. magna cum laude from Brown University.

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