

# EPA General Counsel Announces Departure from Agency

“The EPA’s top lawyer, Matthew Z. Leopold, is leaving the agency after a nearly three-year stint and a mixed record in the courtroom,” report Ellen M. Gilmer and Stephen Lee in *Bloomberg Law’s Environment & Energy Report*.

“Leopold will leave the EPA in the next two weeks to work in private practice in the Washington, D.C., area, though he didn’t specify where. Principal deputy general counsel David Fotouhi will serve as acting general counsel.”

“As the EPA’s top lawyer since 2018, Leopold provided the legal justification for many of the administration’s regulatory rollbacks. His tenure was marked by efforts to push authority down from the federal government to the states.”

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