# Facebook Has Poached the DoJ's Silicon Valley Antitrust Chief

TechCrunch **reports** that Facebook has recruited Kate Patchen, a veteran of the U.S. Department of Justice who led its antitrust office in Silicon Valley, to be a director and associate general counsel of litigation.

Patchen spent 16 years at the DoJ, where she began as a trial attorney before becoming an assistant chief in the antitrust division in 2014, and two years later she was made chief.

TechCrunch reporter **Natasha Lomas** writes that Patchen takes up her post amid ongoing scandals and reputation crises for her new employer, joining Facebook this month, according to her LinkedIn profile.

"Patchen, meanwhile, joins Facebook at the same time as some long-serving veterans are headed out the door — including public policy chief Elliot Schrage," according to Lomas.

**Read the TechCrunch article**.