Former California Deputy Solicitor General Joins Perkins Coie as Partner

AN DIEGO (August 25, 2025) – Perkins Coie has announced that Josh Patashnik, the former Deputy Solicitor General of California, has joined the firm's Litigation practice as a partner in its San Diego office. Patashnik will focus on appellate cases, legal strategy, and related issues.

Patashnik brings extensive experience, having argued cases in numerous state and federal courts, including the California Supreme Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. His work also spans the U.S. Supreme Court, where he has represented clients at both the certiorari and merits stages, as well as in matters involving emergency relief and injunctions.

"Josh's legal expertise, particularly in California state and Ninth Circuit cases, will be invaluable for our clients," said Julia Markley, co-chair of Perkins Coie's Litigation practice. "His deep experience as a former Deputy Solicitor General will be an asset in navigating the complex litigation landscape."

Patashnik's practice will cover a wide range of areas, including constitutional law, federal preemption, antitrust, environmental law, and healthcare regulation. He will assist clients with navigating federal and state statutes and responding to investigations by state agencies.

Patashnik previously clerked for Judge Jeffrey Sutton of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and Justice Anthony Kennedy of the U.S. Supreme Court. He holds a B.A. from Harvard University and a J.D. from Stanford Law School.

Perkins Coie's Litigation practice continues to grow, with

Patashnik becoming the latest addition as part of the firm’s ongoing expansion. He is the 12th new partner to join this year, following the recent hire of former U.S. Attorney Tara McGrath.