

Hogan Lovells Adds Three Business and Securities Litigators in New York

Hogan Lovells announced that Michael C. Hefter, Seth M. Cohen and Ryan M. Philp have joined its New York office as partners in the firm's Litigation practice.

The group previously practiced together at Bracewell LLP where Michael co-chaired the securities litigation practice and served as the head of commercial litigation in the New York office. The team focuses on a wide range of complex commercial litigation matters, including M&A, transactional and securities litigation, as well as Delaware governance issues.

"Michael, Seth and Ryan are distinguished additions to the firm," said Michael Davison, head of the firm's Litigation, Arbitration and Employment practice group. "Their combined experience and excellent reputation will be instrumental in strengthening both our Global Litigation and Transactional practices."

In a release, the firm said the team represents corporations, investment funds, banks, and officers and directors in litigation and arbitration in a wide variety of industries, including claims involving breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, fraud and other business disputes, securities litigation, RICO class actions, structured finance disputes, post-acquisition disputes, corporate governance, claims involving lender liability issues, shareholder class and derivative actions, claims involving LLC and limited partnership issues and structures, bankruptcy-related litigation, energy disputes, and other forms of litigation.

"This move strategically meets the increasing demand by our New York clients for more Delaware M&A and securities

litigation support,” said Dennis Tracey, head of the firm’s Litigation Practice in the Americas. “Our US Litigation practice has been focused on recruiting laterals with experience representing corporations and financial service companies in disputes that arise out of major public and private transactions, particularly with the recent expansion of our M&A practice in Northern California.”

About the Lawyers:

Michael C. Hefter was co-chair of the securities litigation practice group and head of commercial litigation in Bracewell LLP’s New York office. He has acted as lead litigation and trial counsel for numerous clients in complex jury and non-jury trials.. He received his J.D., with honors, from Emory University School of Law and his B.A from the University of Michigan.

Seth M. Cohen is a trial partner who advises clients on a wide range of complex commercial litigation matters in the federal, state and appellate courts. Cohen graduated with his J.D., cum laude, from Emory University School of Law and received his B.A., cum laude, from Cornell University.

Ryan M. Philp is a trial partner who represents public companies, private investment firms, financial institutions and officers and directors in all phases of civil litigation. He earned his J.D., cum laude, Order of the Coif, from Seton Hall University School of Law and his B.A., cum laude, from Loyola College in Maryland.

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