

REIT Tax Lawyer Cristina Arumi Returns to Hogan Lovells

REIT tax lawyer Cristina Arumi is rejoining Hogan Lovells, the firm announced in a release.

She will be head of the firm's U.S. REIT tax practice and will work alongside David Bonser, who heads up the REIT practice. Arumi joins from Ernst & Young, where she worked in the REIT and pass-through group from the national tax office.

"Cristina is a superstar – she is highly regarded by clients and colleagues for her lightning-sharp tax acumen, creative solutions, and strong client relationship skills," said Prentiss Feagles, a Hogan Lovells partner who has led the REIT Tax practice. "These qualities, together with her strong leadership skills, make Cristina perfect to work with David Bonser and others in building one of the strongest REIT practices in the United States."

Before departing for Ernst & Young in 2013, Arumi spent 17 years with Hogan Lovells, focusing her practice on the tax aspects of capital markets and M&A transactions, including REITs, real estate funds and joint ventures as well as the tax aspects of foreign investment in U.S. real estate. As a principal in Ernst & Young's national tax department's pass-throughs and real estate group, Arumi led real estate transactions working extensively with REITs, including many clients of Hogan Lovells, sovereign wealth funds and other major investors in U.S. real estate, the firm said.

"Hogan Lovells' REIT practice is one of the best in the country, and I am excited to rejoin the team," Arumi said. "I've maintained strong relationships with many of my friends and colleagues at Hogan Lovells, and I'm looking forward to

the opportunity to work with David and the other partners to build on the continued success of the REIT practice.”

Arumi received her B.A. from the University of North Carolina, her J.D. from Duke University School of Law, and her LL.M in tax from the Georgetown University Law Center.