

Michael Devins Joins Sidley in New York as Transactional Insurance Partner

Sidley Austin LLP is pleased to announce that Michael Devins has joined the firm as a partner in the New York office. Mr. Devins will be a member of the global Insurance practice, and will support clients in a wide range of domestic and international insurance and reinsurance industry transactions. Mr. Devins joins from Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, where he was a member of its Financial Institutions Group.

Mr. Devins is a leader in the insurance industry and has significant transactional experience, including representing private equity and other non-traditional investors in insurance companies and insurance related assets. For more than 20 years, he has worked in the insurance transactional space and has tremendous M&A and regulatory experience, including with reinsurance M&A transactions.

"Mike is a great addition because he has the skills to support, manage and execute a wide variety of transactions," said Perry Shwachman, leader of Sidley's global Insurance group and a member of the firm's Management and Executive Committees. "Many of our lawyers have worked across from Mike and we all have great respect for the work he does representing his clients. We are thrilled that he has chosen Sidley to continue growing his practice."

"Our M&A deal flow has continued to grow substantially," said Jonathan Kelly co-leader of the firm's Insurance practice and leader of the New York Insurance group. "Mike's experience will immediately enhance our ability to offer the best client service and continue our expansion."

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nearly four decades of experience and more than 85 lawyers that provide transactional and regulatory advice to the industry. It has been at the forefront of the formation and capitalization of new insurance companies, public and private debt and equity financings and complex insurance company investment transactions.

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