

Morgan Lewis Adds Immigration Attys From Baker McKenzie

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Law360 (January 7, 2019, 7:11 PM EST) -- Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP said Monday that it has added two labor and immigration attorneys previously with Baker McKenzie, one as a partner in Washington, D.C., and one as of counsel in Miami.

Shannon Donnelly will concentrate her practice as partner on advising employers on a broad range of employment-related immigration questions and on assisting multinational companies with coordinating their global compliance programs, according to the announcement by Morgan Lewis.

Donnelly previously headed Baker McKenzie's global immigration and mobility group in that firm's Washington, D.C., office, Morgan Lewis said. She frequently assists employers with moving executives from one country to another, particularly for companies with locations in both the United States and Canada, according to the firm.

Donnelly told Law360 on Monday that a total of nine attorneys, including four who practice immigration, are making the switch from Baker McKenzie to Morgan Lewis in offices along the East Coast.

"Having a fully functioning team slide into Morgan Lewis's well-established global immigration and employment practice means we can more quickly get up and running to serve clients across the globe," Donnelly said.

Also making the move from Baker McKenzie is Laura Garvin, who will work as of counsel in Morgan Lewis' Miami office, assisting companies with employment-based immigration law, according to the firm.

Garvin frequently advises employers on compliance and facilitation issues with the various federal agencies that handle immigration matters, according to the firm. She regularly prepares petitions involving entrepreneurs who are seeking to adjust their nonimmigrant or immigrant status, who want to become U.S. citizens or obtain legal permanent residency, or who are facing various family immigration matters, according to Morgan Lewis.



Shannon Donnelly



Laura Garvin

"Shannon and Laura have earned the trust of sophisticated clients who require elite-level assistance to ensure access to key executive and specialist talent worldwide," Grace Speights, who leads Morgan Lewis' labor and employment practice, said in a statement. "These lawyers know what it takes to deliver the solutions our clients need in this dynamic area of the law."

Garvin told Law360 on Monday, "Morgan Lewis's global platform and impeccable labor and employment practice was a huge draw, as it enables our team to continue to advise some of the world's major employers on the transfer of their high-level executives and global talent to the markets that need them most."

Donnelly received her undergraduate degree from Middlebury College and her graduate and law degrees from American University, according to Morgan Lewis. She is admitted to practice in New York and the District of Columbia.

Garvin received her undergraduate degree from the University of Pittsburgh and her law degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, according to the firm. She is admitted to practice in Florida and the District of Columbia.

Morgan Lewis has 30 offices in Europe, the Middle East, Asia and the United States, according to the firm's website.

--Editing by Jack Karp.