

## Former DOJ, FCC Official Joins Morgan Lewis In DC

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*Law360 (March 17, 2025, 4:36 PM EDT)* -- Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP has grown its telecommunications, media and technology practice in Washington, D.C., with the addition of a former senior Federal Communications Commission and U.S. Department of Justice official, the firm announced on Monday.

Loyaan Egal has joined the firm as a partner, after serving at the FCC as special adviser to former FCC Chair Jessica Rosenworcel, chief of the agency's Enforcement Bureau and head of its privacy and data protection task force.

Egal told Law360 Pulse on Monday that he thought it was the right time to take his experiences from the FCC and DOJ and apply them in a setting where he could help companies and individuals navigate the increasing complexity of the regulatory environment and issues related to national security, technology and foreign investment.

"I had experience being on the other side of Morgan Lewis. I've seen them in action. They're an amazing law firm, global platform, very integrated around different practice groups, which is perfect for someone like me, because I have such a varied and different experience and skill sets," Egal said. "Morgan Lewis was the best fit for someone with my varied public service background, but with the sophisticated clients that need the advice related to those areas."

At Morgan Lewis, Egal will focus his work on regulatory, enforcement, government investigations and international trade matters, with a particular focus on national security and information and communications technology services, also known as ICTS.

Egal added that he's excited about providing a holistic, cradle-to-grave service and getting to work with some of the most advanced and sophisticated companies, technologies and services.

"Loyaan's unique blend of experience makes him a strong strategic fit for the firm and for the TMT practice group," Andrew D. Lipman, leader of the firm's telecommunications, media and technology practice, said in the statement. "His FCC enforcement experience will be invaluable as we counsel clients, navigate regulatory scrutiny, and respond to investigations and complaints."

Egal joins private practice for the first time after serving as special adviser to Rosenworcel from November until January, he said. Before that, he was chief of the Enforcement Bureau at the FCC and led the privacy and data protection task force.



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Before heading up enforcement at the FCC, Egal was the deputy chief in the Foreign Investment Review Section of the DOJ's National Security Division from 2017 to 2022. There, he oversaw the "Team Telecom" process, which he described as a cousin to the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, assessing and addressing national security and law enforcement risk associated with foreign investment, participation or ownership in the U.S. telecommunications sector.

At the DOJ, Egal said he was also responsible for leading efforts related to what's known as the ICTS supply chain. He oversaw that effort on behalf of the DOJ and the interagency process, he said.

Immediately before that role with the DOJ, Egal was at the FCC in the Enforcement Bureau, where he established and led the agency's first white collar fraud unit, the Universal Service Fund Strike Force. Egal said that unit is now a permanent fraud division within the Enforcement Bureau.

Earlier in his career, Egal was an assistant U.S. attorney, first in the Southern District of New York and later in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, he said. Egal earned his law degree from Howard University School of Law and his undergraduate degree from St. John's University.

"As a former prosecutor with dual federal agency experience, Loyaan brings a highly valuable and timely perspective to the table," firm Chair Jami McKeon said in the statement. "His sophisticated and nuanced understanding of the dynamics of the telecom market and U.S. government policy priorities will benefit our telecom investor and operator clients."

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