

Morgan Lewis Adds 30-Year Baker McKenzie Atty, Ex-Tax Chair

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Law360 (February 11, 2026, 12:57 PM EST) -- The former chair of Baker McKenzie's Americas tax practice has joined Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP's Washington, D.C., team, where he'll work as a partner on transfer pricing disputes and tax matters, the firm announced Wednesday.

Salim Rahim will continue his practice focused on negotiating and securing price agreements, or deals between national and non-U.S. based companies and tax authorities like the Internal Revenue Service. Rahim works with clients in a range of industries, including with technology, luxury fashion and automotive clients, the firm said.



Salim Rahim

Rahim's practice also includes advising on Mutual Agreement Procedures proceedings, or settlements out of court between tax authorities in two jurisdictions. The firm said Rahim helps guide multinational corporations through those resolutions to avoid double taxation.

Rahim spent more than 30 years with Baker McKenzie. A George Washington University Law School graduate, Rahim told Law360 Pulse he earned his degree in four years through a night school program, and started at Baker McKenzie as a financial economist. His career at the firm, where he had worked his entire professional career, started after a conversation decades ago he had with a neighbor.

Rahim wanted to stay in Washington, D.C., and initially studied to pursue a career in investment banking, but had trouble finding opportunities, he said. His neighbor in the nation's capital, a third-year tax associate with Baker McKenzie at the time, suggested he throw his hat into the ring for a position there, he said.

"And we were one weekend, sitting around and over a beer he said, 'Hey listen, Baker is trying to find somebody who has an accounting and finance background, would you like to consider it, and come in and meet some folks?'" Rahim said.

The rest is history, Rahim said. He joined as a financial economist and didn't look back.

"As I spent more time in a law firm environment and got to understand the nuances of really, the type of advice that clients are looking for in the tax world, I decided, 'You know what, this sounds interesting,'" Rahim said.

Rahim said he wanted to join the Morgan Lewis platform for a number of reasons. For one, he said the

time was right for him to move his practice after some 30 years, "considering Baker is the only job I've ever had."

"And I've got another 15 years in me, and I thought it would be nice to have at least one other job that I get to experience in my professional career. So that's what led me to Morgan," he said.

Rahim also said he wanted to join Morgan Lewis because he was always impressed by the firm's tax team and the depth of the firm's other practice groups. Rahim said he has familiarity with several of the Morgan Lewis tax team members, and said the firm offered "a tremendous platform for advising clients," on critical tax issues.

"I know that there is a laser focus on collaboration, which is very important to me and interestingly, it's equally important to clients, to be able to see a team concept in terms of how we advise clients," he said. "Not just in terms of the quality of the service, but also the team that's providing that legal advice."

Rahim said the strength of the firm's global platform was important to him, but also put him in a better position to advise clients. Morgan Lewis has a tax practice that covers the entire spectrum of tax areas, he said, like with double tax disputes and tax controversy, generally, all of which he took into account when deciding to move his practice.

Bart Bassett, leader of the firm's global tax practice, said in a statement that Rahim's experience "will be invaluable to companies navigating today's evolving global tax rules and enforcement priorities."

Jami McKeon, Morgan Lewis' chair, said in a statement that Rahim's practice "bolsters our international tax capabilities at a critical time as multinational companies navigate an increasingly complex global tax landscape."

"His extensive experience in international tax and transfer pricing, combined with a proven track record in high stakes transfer pricing disputes globally, will significantly enhance our ability to deliver integrated, strategic advice across jurisdictions," McKeon said.

Morgan Lewis recently hired a partner in Miami and New York, both of whom work with tax matters related to private clients, family offices and investment managers.

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