

Former Fed. Prosecutor Rejoins Morgan Lewis In NJ, Pa.

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Law360, New York (August 10, 2015, 5:06 PM ET) -- A former federal prosecutor has rejoined Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP as a partner in its Philadelphia and Princeton, New Jersey, outposts, where he will enhance the longtime firm's "deep bench of litigators" with his white collar litigation and government investigations experience, the firm announced on Monday.

Harvey Bartle IV was an associate at Morgan Lewis' Washington, D.C., office prior to his eight-year stint at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Trenton, where he served as attorney in charge of six assistant prosecutors handling cases involving public corruption, economic crime and government fraud.

Bartle told Law360 that he's returning to his former role well-versed in the adversary proceedings characteristics of federal prosecution, and has developed a tremendous attention to detail, which is another asset that the well-rounded attorney can call his own.

"I was looking for a new challenge and I'd enjoyed my time at Morgan Lewis," Bartle, the son of U.S. District Judge Harvey Bartle III, said on Monday.

During his time as a prosecutor, Bartle tackled cases involving cybercrime — a growing area of law, he said — export control violations, money laundering, national security, tax crimes and bank, contract, health care, investment and mortgage fraud, according to the biography provided by Morgan Lewis. Bartle first-chaired numerous jury trials involving commercial bribery, money laundering and extortion, the biography said

Two of Bartle's most high-profile representations led to precedential Third Circuit rulings in extortion cases against public officials.

In an April 2014 decision upholding a guilty verdict for former Hamilton, New Jersey, Mayor John Bencivengo, the appeals court ruled that belief that an official can influence a government decision, regardless of the official's formal power to do so, can support a Hobbs Act conviction for extortion under color of official right.

In September, the court upheld the conviction of former Newark, New Jersey's Deputy Mayor Ronald Salahuddin, saying that an overt act is not required for conviction of Hobbs Act conspiracy and that the district court did not err in leaving the requirement out of the jury instructions.

"Harvey is a skilled trial lawyer and an outstanding colleague and we are proud to welcome him back to

the team,” firm Chair Jami McKeon said. “He brings demonstrated trial experience and an excellent leadership track record to our broad trial capabilities and global litigation services.”

Bartle, a graduate of the Temple University Beasley School of Law and a former U.S. Marine, will join the firm's 2,000 professionals spanning 28 offices in the United States, Europe, Asia and the Middle East. The firm was founded in 1873 and specializes in comprehensive litigation, intellectual property cases, labor and employment legal services and corporate, transactional and regulatory matters.

“It is exciting to continue to build our team with a trial lawyer of Harvey’s caliber and experience,” said J. Gordon Cooney Jr., who leads the firm’s litigation practice, citing Bartle's advocacy and leadership experiences.

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