

DOJ Antitrust Leader Joins Morgan Lewis & Bockius

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Law360, New York (October 15, 2014, 7:34 PM ET) -- The U.S. Department of Justice's assistant chief for antitrust crimes, a longtime DOJ leader who also has a specialty in cybersecurity, has joined Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP as a litigation partner, the firm announced on Monday.

Mark Krotoski most recently was assistant chief of the National Criminal Enforcement Section of the DOJ's Antitrust Division, the firm said. Before that, he was national coordinator of the department's Computer Hacking and Intellectual Property initiative.

But Krotoski, whose first day at Morgan Lewis was Monday, said the firm made an offer too good to refuse.

"I wasn't looking to leave, and I was approached by Morgan Lewis. And after reflecting with my family, we decided it presented an opportunity to work with a highly regarded firm," Krotoski said on Wednesday. "Morgan Lewis has a highly regarded antitrust practice."

Krotoski will work out of the firm's Washington, D.C., office for now and then shift to the San Francisco office beginning in January, he said, where his work will involve not just antitrust matters but cybersecurity and technology issues, trade secrets and foreign economic espionage, and white collar.

At Justice, Krotoski was part of the ongoing auto parts cartel criminal investigations, which included the Antitrust Division's \$425 million penalty against Japanese auto parts maker Bridgestone Corp., which received an enhanced penalty for being a repeat offender following its involvement in the marine hose cartel. The DOJ's ongoing investigation of the auto parts sector had by February netted guilty pleas from 26 companies, resulting in fines of more than \$2 billion at that time, the agency said.

"I had a chance to work with some talented attorneys on an amazing investigation that has involved many companies as well as individual executives," Krotoski said Wednesday. "It's been a really good opportunity to watch that unfold over the last couple of years and grow into the expansive investigation that it has."

Krotoski's career also includes a stint in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of California, where he was chief of the criminal division.

Krotoski received his bachelor's degree from the University of California Los Angeles and his law degree from Georgetown University Law Center.

Morgan Lewis was founded in 1873, and its litigation practice employs more than 700 attorneys.

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