

Crowell Lands Buchalter Practice Group Co-Chair In Calif.

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Law360 (January 15, 2026, 4:09 PM EST) -- Crowell & Moring LLP announced Thursday that it has added the former co-chair of Buchalter PC's white collar and government investigations practice to bolster its capacity to handle healthcare fraud and other cases.

Joshua M. Robbins joins Crowell & Moring as a partner in its Orange County office in Irvine, California, the global firm said. He is a member of the firm's healthcare litigation team.

"I'm excited to join such an accomplished group of lawyers at Crowell," Robbins said in a statement Thursday. "For an attorney focused on providing innovative counsel to sophisticated health care clients, joining the fast-growing team at Crowell made complete sense."

He added that he has "crossed paths with Crowell attorneys inside and out of the courtroom over the years" and "always been impressed by their collaborative spirit and commitment to providing top-notch legal counsel to their clients."

In an emailed statement to Law360 on Thursday, Robbins said making the move to Crowell & Moring "is a logical extension of how my practice has developed over the years, and an unusual confluence of personal connections."

"Building on my experience as a federal health care fraud prosecutor at the U.S. Attorney's Office, I have handled a number of trials in commercial litigation matters, often involving fraud and the health care industry," he said. "Among them have been trials both alongside and against Crowell lawyers, who have uniformly impressed me with their talent and professionalism."

Robbins said he was also drawn to Crowell by the recent expansion of its healthcare group, including the addition of partner Jeff Gleason. He called Gleason "a longtime friend who is also an expert in healthcare fraud litigation."

"I jumped at the chance to join them and help build one of the leading practices in the country," he said.

Gleason joined Crowell & Moring in October, and the firm also added dozens of attorneys from Reed Smith LLP in August to expand its healthcare litigation team, the announcement said.



Joshua Robbins

Robbins makes the move from Buchalter, where he was co-chair of the white collar and government investigations practice, the announcement said. He joined Buchalter in 2020 to launch the practice group.

Among his more recent matters at his former firm, he was on a counsel team that advised the U.S. subsidiary of the maker of the Ouraring health and fitness tracker in its defense of a lawsuit filed by an early investor accusing the company of refusing to honor a stock option deal.

Earlier in his career, Robbins was an assistant U.S. attorney in the Central District of California, prosecuting complex crime, white collar, and healthcare fraud cases, Crowell & Moring said. Among his high-profile matters during his roughly seven-year stint with the government was a healthcare fraud kickback case against hospital executives and doctors related to spinal surgeries at Pacific Hospital of Long Beach, according to Thursday's announcement.

He earned a law degree from Harvard Law School and was a law clerk for Eleventh Circuit Judge Stanley Marcus.

Robbins is a vice president of the Harvard Law School Association of Orange County and a trial advocacy instructor at the University of California, Irvine School of Law

In his practice, he represents businesses and individuals in cases involving allegations of fraud, kickbacks, unfair competition, and other matters. He handles matters for clients in a variety of sectors, including life sciences, technology, and finance, Crowell & Moring said.

His practice at the firm will be focused on civil litigation and fraud cases, especially in the healthcare and life sciences industries, the announcement said.

"Josh is a versatile litigator who has successfully tried a wide range of high-stakes cases for his clients," Kent B. Goss, co-chair of Crowell & Moring's litigation group, said in a statement Thursday. "He immediately boosts our premier health care litigation team and further positions Crowell as a trusted adviser for health care and life sciences companies navigating complex legal issues."

Goss added, "California remains a vital, high-growth market for health care innovation and life sciences, and Josh's arrival demonstrates our ongoing commitment to expanding our footprint and meeting the growing needs of our clients across the state."

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