

Former Crowell & Moring Partner Rejoins Firm From Paradigm

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Law360 (January 23, 2024, 12:31 PM EST) -- Crowell & Moring LLP has rehired a corporate partner from Paradigm, a financial services company that is one of the firm's clients, who previously spent nearly two decades working on mergers and acquisitions and related corporate legal issues, the firm has announced.

Richard Holbrook rejoins Crowell & Moring's corporate group to continue his work focused on corporate joint ventures and investing matters, like those associated with investment funds or with cross-border transactions. He rejoins the firm from Paradigm, a financial services company that works with crypto derivatives traders, where he was the company's general counsel and chief legal officer based in Singapore.



Richard Holbrook

Paradigm is one of Crowell & Moring's technology clients, according to the firm's statement on Monday.

Holbrook said in a statement Monday that it was "the phenomenal combination of colleagues and clients" that made him want to rejoin the firm.

"Having spent almost two decades in the Crowell & Moring Corporate Group, I am keenly aware of its sterling reputation in delivering superb client service to the most sophisticated clients with respect to their most critical deals, challenges and opportunities," Holbrook said.

Holbrook's practice includes representing sponsors and limited partners in commercial and corporate agreements. He also works with clients on commodity futures law matters and complex corporate transactions, according to his firm profile.

A Georgetown University Law Center graduate, Holbrook spent about six years with Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, according to his LinkedIn profile. For three of those years, Holbrook worked in the firm's Tokyo office, according to his firm profile.

Holbrook first joined Crowell & Moring in 2004, the firm said. Before joining Cleary, Holbrook clerked for U.S. Circuit Judge Emilio M. Garza on the Fifth Circuit.

Samuel E. Feigin, chairman of the firm's corporate group, said in a statement that Holbrook's versatility and professional proficiency in several areas of corporate law over his career would be invaluable to the firm's clients.

"Beyond Richard's well-rounded transactional and counseling experience, we believe his experience and perspective as general counsel and chief legal officer of a cutting-edge technology company will be useful to our clients," Feigin said.

Crowell & Moring announced last week it hired Ruta Kalvaitis Skučas from K&L Gates LLP. The firm also announced earlier this year that Mark Fenoughty would take over as the firm's chief financial officer.

Holbrook was not immediately available to comment on his new role.

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