

## Crowell Brings On Stroock Litigator And His 9-Atty Team In NY

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*Law360 (November 13, 2023, 12:02 AM EST)* -- Crowell & Moring LLP announced Monday that it has brought on a litigation partner and his team of nine lawyers from Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP as the legacy New York firm undergoes dissolution.

Joshua Sohn, who joined Stroock five years ago from Watson Farley & Williams LLP, has joined Crowell's New York office as a partner in the firm's litigation group. Joining him is a team of nine lawyers — one senior counsel, three counsel and five associates, the firm said.



Joshua Sohn

"For me, Crowell was a really good fit because of the work that they do, the values that they live up to and their growth in New York," Sohn said in an interview with Law360.

Sohn added that he intends to leverage the firm's extensive capabilities to both serve existing clients and foster new relationships.

Sohn's expertise includes complex disputes in financial services, real estate, construction and securities. Prior to joining Stroock as a partner in 2018, he had previously served as the head of commercial litigation and co-head of the international commercial litigation group at Watson Farley. Before that, Sohn was co-head of the real estate litigation subpractice group at DLA Piper.

"Josh's first-chair trial experience in commercial and real estate litigation expands what we can offer clients and fits squarely within our strategy to build out a commercial and financial services litigation powerhouse in New York," Keith Harrison, co-chair of Crowell & Moring's litigation group, said in a statement.

Harrison also highlighted Sohn's pro bono achievements, underscoring Sohn's dedication to community and its significance within the firm's cultural values.

Notably, Sohn has served as lead counsel in a class action employment discrimination case against the New York City Board of Education, securing approximately \$2 billion in damages and benefits for the plaintiffs. His pro bono work also includes representing four Jamaican fishermen who were allegedly unlawfully detained at sea under harsh conditions for more than a month in litigation against the U.S. Coast Guard.

The arrival of Sohn and his team comes on the heels of Crowell's recent recruitment of his former

Stroock colleague Eric Aronson, who also joined the firm's New York office in September. According to Crowell, the firm's New York office has more than doubled its lawyer count over the past five years, and it plans to continue its growth trajectory as it prepares to move to new space at 2 Manhattan West in Hudson Yards in January.

Sohn is the latest partner to depart Stroock after partners of the 147-year-old firm voted on Oct. 24 to dissolve the firm. The vote came after Nixon Peabody LLP and later Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP confirmed that their merger talks with Stroock had fallen through.

Hogan Lovells is expected to add more than two dozen Stroock partners in mid-November.

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