

Two Longtime HHS Attys Depart Posts For Crowell & Moring

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Law360 (September 23, 2025, 4:31 PM EDT) -- Two prominent U.S. Department of Health and Human Services attorneys have left their posts for Crowell & Moring LLP after more than two decades in the federal government.

Rachel Park, most recently the HHS' principal deputy general counsel, and Jill Abrams, most recently a senior attorney in the Office of the General Counsel's Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Division, join Crowell & Moring's healthcare group as senior counsel in Washington, D.C., after leaving their posts earlier this year.

"I'm thrilled to join Crowell because the firm is truly exceptional," Park told Law360 Pulse in an email Tuesday. "There are numerous attorneys here with extensive government experience, even at the highest levels. This unique insight into how the government operates is a key reason clients turn to Crowell."

Park and Abrams left the government in April.

"I am excited to join Crowell at such a dynamic time for the health care group," Abrams told Law360 Pulse in an email Tuesday. "The practice group offers a tremendous opportunity for me, given its strengths with managed care and health care industry clients. I look forward to adding to the group's ability to provide stellar legal advice to its clients."

The two are far from the only federal attorneys to leave HHS this year. Caroline Farrell, the former lead counsel advising the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services on Medicaid and Medicare policy, joined Foley Hoag LLP. Victoria Corke, a former senior attorney in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Division of the Office of the General Counsel, joined Covington & Burling LLP.

Other HHS lawyers who departed for the private sector in recent months include Benjamin Wallfisch, who joined Polsinelli PC, and Lisa M. Re, who joined Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP.

Park and Abrams' hires, meanwhile, come less than two months after Crowell & Moring announced the additions of 16 healthcare litigation partners led by Martin J. Bishop, who now serves as the healthcare group's co-chair.

"We are thrilled to welcome Rachel and Jill to Crowell's Health Care practice," Bishop said in a



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Jill Abrams

statement. "Rachel's leadership at HHS and her direct involvement with federal health care programs, combined with Jill's extensive knowledge of Medicare Advantage and Part D enforcement, will further strengthen our ability to provide best in market counsel to companies across the healthcare industry. Their insider perspectives on agency decision-making and regulatory processes will provide significant value to our clients across the health care industry by helping them anticipate challenges, respond to audits, and navigate complex government requirements with confidence."

Park was the highest-level nonpolitical position in the Office of the General Counsel, managing approximately 700 attorneys across 10 divisions and regional offices and defending HHS in district courts and the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. An expert in Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement and quality of care issues, she also stepped up as acting general counsel during the presidential transition and served as chief counsel of the New York Regional Office, according to Crowell.

Abrams advised on Medicare program integrity issues during her time at HHS, focusing on Medicare Advantage and Medicare Part D. Her career saw her work with the Department of Justice and the HHS Office of Inspector General on enforcement matters and advise CMS on compliance audits and enforcement actions, including issues related to Risk Adjustment Data Validation in Medicare Advantage.

Abrams earned her law degree from the University of Michigan Law School. Park earned her law degree from the New York University School of Law.

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