

## Crowell & Moring Adds Corporate Partners From Neal Gerber

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*Law360 (April 18, 2024, 12:21 PM EDT)* -- Crowell & Moring LLP has added two longtime partners and practice group leaders from Chicago-based firm Neal Gerber & Eisenberg LLP to help bolster its corporate, mergers and acquisitions and capital markets services and expand its services in the Windy City.

John Koenigs knecht and David Stone have joined Crowell & Moring as partners in Chicago, the global firm announced Thursday. Koenigs knecht will serve as co-chair of Crowell & Moring's corporate group and Stone will lead its securities and capital markets practice, the announcement said.

Before moving over to Crowell & Moring, Koenigs knecht chaired Neal Gerber's corporate and securities practice and co-chaired its cross-border and international practice, a Crowell & Moring representative told Law360 Pulse.

Stone was previously chair for about 15 years of Neal Gerber's corporate and securities group and co-chair of its cross-border and international practice before coming over to Crowell & Moring, and he also previously served on his former firm's executive committee.

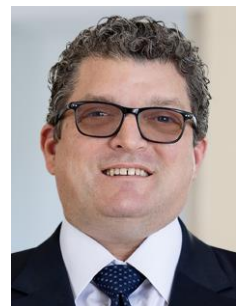
"This is an exciting opportunity to join a firm with an outstanding reputation and a demonstrated commitment to intentional and sustained growth," Koenigs knecht said in a statement. "The firm's broad practice offerings and international platform will enable us to effectively serve the diverse needs of our clients, including complex regulatory and enforcement, litigation, and intellectual property matters."

Stone said in a statement that he was attracted to Crowell & Moring by its "dedication to delivering the highest level of service, its client-first orientation and the firm's strong and collaborative culture."

"We look forward to working with our new colleagues to serve our clients' needs and help them capitalize on strategic transactional opportunities in the U.S. and abroad," Stone said.

Koenigs knecht and Stone told Law360 on Thursday that they founded Neal Gerber's cross-border and international group. The duo saw the move to Crowell & Moring as a "unique opportunity to help build out and develop" the firm's corporate practice and gain access to a bigger platform for their work.

The move creates an "exciting opportunity to help expand corporate and transactional offerings in the



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Chicago office," with a particular focus on offering more corporate transactional, mergers and acquisitions and capital markets services, Koenigsknecht said.

"We want to expand and grow the practice here in Chicago, as well as across the Crowell platform globally," he said. "This is an important jurisdiction."

The two attorneys have been colleagues for more than two decades, having worked together at Neal Gerber and Seyfarth Shaw LLP, according to their LinkedIn profiles.

Koenigsknecht was at Neal Gerber for about 20 years, while Stone worked at the firm for 22 years, according to their profiles. Their stints with Seyfarth Shaw also overlapped for a time, as Koenigsknecht was with the firm from 1997 to 2004 and Stone was there from 1987 to 2002.

In his practice, Koenigsknecht advises public and private companies in the U.S. and acts as U.S. counsel for international clients on complex corporate deals, Crowell said.

Among the matters he advises clients about are mergers and acquisitions, cross-border transactions, exchange matters, securities offerings, and other capital transactions, the announcement said.

Stone advises managers and boards of directors of U.S. and international clients about equity and debt securities offerings, corporate governance, securities compliance matters, mergers and acquisitions, and other matters, Crowell said. He also works on domestic and cross-border deals.

Koenigsknecht has been a member of the board of directors of healthcare business CommunityHealth since 2009, according to his LinkedIn profile. He is currently the board's president, CommunityHealth's website says.

He previously was global chair of the mergers and acquisitions special business team for Interlaw, a global network of independent law firms worldwide, the announcement said. He served in the role for more than a decade.

Koenigsknecht earned a law degree from The George Washington University Law School and an undergraduate degree from Harvard.

Stone graduated from the University of Michigan Law School and also earned an undergraduate degree from Michigan.

"Our strategic firm priorities include expanding and deepening our corporate practice and growing our Chicago office," Philip T. Inglima, Crowell & Moring's chair, said in a statement. "This highly regarded team will accelerate our efforts on both fronts, as they bring sophisticated capital markets and M&A experience to clients in this dynamic and competitive business environment."

Crowell & Moring established its presence in Chicago in 2021 when it combined with intellectual property firm Brinks Gilson & Lione.

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