

## Former FTC official joins Crowell & Moring

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Crowell & Moring has added former Federal Trade Commission official Andrew Gavil to its antitrust team in Washington, DC as senior of counsel.

Gavil, 59, previously served as head of the FTC's competition policy and advocacy arm, the Office of Policy Planning, for two years before leaving in 2014 to return to academia.

The Office of Policy Planning helps the commission craft competition and consumer protection policy and carries out much of the agency's advocacy work. During his time at the commission, Gavil and his office lobbied state legislatures and licensing boards on topics as varied as direct car sales, taxi regulation and cheap dental care.

Gavil returned to Howard University, where he has taught since 1989. He teaches courses on antitrust law, federal regulation, civil procedure, and complex litigation.

He said he will work part-time for Crowell & Moring while still remaining a full-time professor at Howard.

"We are excited to have Andy join our firm," said Wm Randolph Smith, chair of Crowell & Moring's antitrust group, in a statement. "His vast knowledge of complex antitrust issues, both from the academic world and from his experience at the FTC, brings an unparalleled perspective for our clients and will further enhance our regulatory and litigation capabilities."

Gavil has also worked part-time for several other firms over the years. From 1999 to 2003, he served as of counsel at Powell Goldstein Frazer & Murphy in Washington, DC before serving as of counsel until 2008 at Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal, which later merged with Dentons.

Gavil said his time in the private sector is a reflection of how much he enjoys practising with antitrust lawyers.

He said he was attracted to Crowell & Moring's sophisticated and uniquely varied antitrust practice, which works on mergers, as well as private damages actions, cartel investigations, litigation and government investigations.

"I hope I'll be able to use my experience and capabilities to support and grow the practice," Gavil said.