

Former Senior DOJ Official Joins Crowell & Moring

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Crowell & Moring LLP announced Wednesday it's hired a former U.S. attorney who has served in senior positions in the U.S. Department of Justice over three administrations, including as chief of staff to the FBI director and as acting administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Chuck Rosenberg is joining the firm's white collar and regulatory enforcement group as senior counsel, where he'll focus his practice on white collar criminal defense, internal investigations, monitorships and corporate governance, the firm said. Rosenberg said Wednesday he decided to join the firm due to its outstanding reputation for handling sensitive investigations and disputes.

"I am thrilled to build on the firm's capabilities in these areas," he said in a statement.



Chuck Rosenberg

Rosenberg has more than two decades of experience advising the government on national policy and enforcement issues related to counterterrorism, counterintelligence, public corruption, financial crimes and national security, according to Crowell & Moring. He has also advised boards and executives on governance and ethics issues and has extensive trial experience, the firm said.

From May 2016 to October of last year, Rosenberg served as the DEA's acting administrator where he managed operations, overseeing 16,000 personnel in 300 offices around the world. Rosenberg announced his plans to step down from his position in September.

During his term at the DEA, Rosenberg strongly opposed the legalization of the cannabis industry and rejected petitions by the governors of Rhode Island and Washington to reclassify cannabis to a different schedule. He also successfully overturned an administrative judge's ruling that held Masters Pharmaceutical Inc. had substantially complied with the DEA's reporting and shipping requirements laid out in a 2009 settlement. Rosenberg's 83-page order was upheld by the D.C. Circuit last year, after the panel found that the DEA had authority to take prescription drug suppliers to task for failing to proactively investigate, stop and report drug diversion activities.

Prior to his time at the DEA, Rosenberg served multiple two-year stints counseling top government officials, serving as the chief of staff to former FBI Director James Comey from 2013 to 2015 and

counselor to former Attorney General John Ashcroft from 2003 to 2004. He also counseled former FBI director Robert Mueller from 2002 to 2003.

Aside from his FBI and DEA experience, he also served as a U.S. Attorney in Virginia's Eastern District and Texas' Southern District, where he tried dozens of cases and argued cases before the Fourth Circuit. He also served as a partner at Hogan Lovells from 2008 to 2013, according to the firm.

During his time in Virginia, his office prosecuted multiple high-profile cases, including one against Michael Vick, a former quarterback for the Atlanta Falcons, and three other men that accused them of operating an illegal dogfighting ring on Vick's property in Virginia. Vick pled guilty to one count of conspiracy and was sentenced to 23 months in prison.

Philip T. Inglima, chair of Crowell & Moring, said Rosenberg has "unsurpassed insight" into the government's enforcement priorities and processes.

"He will undoubtedly enhance the firm's white collar capabilities to conduct monitorships and sensitive internal investigations, and he will be an invaluable counselor to clients facing significant legal, regulatory and public policy challenges," Inglima said in a statement.

Daniel L. Zelenko, chair of the firm's white collar and regulatory enforcement group, added that Rosenberg's experience and leadership ability are unmatched.

"He will be a tremendous asset to our deep team of white collar lawyers across the country," Zelenko said.

Rosenberg has a law degree from the University of Virginia, a master's degree in public policy from Harvard University and an undergraduate degree from Tufts University.

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