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Experience

2009-present **Latham & Watkins LLP, Washington, DC**
Partner

Advise public and private companies, financial institutions and accounting firms on complex securities law questions in transactional and litigation matters. Co-Chair of the firm's National Office and member of the Opinion Committee. Former Co-Chair of the Capital Markets Practice Group. During December 2016-January 2017 served as Leader of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission Landing Team for President-Elect Trump's Transition.

2006-2008 **U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC**
Deputy Chief of Staff (2008)
Deputy General Counsel for Legal Policy and Administrative Practice (2006-2008)

As Deputy Chief of Staff and senior legal counsel in the SEC Chairman's Office, advised the Chairman on highly sensitive questions across every aspect of the agency's operations, including the SEC's response to the financial crisis. Served as the Chairman's senior liaison to Commissioners and Division Directors with respect to rulemaking, policy matters and special projects. Reviewed recommendations from the Division of Enforcement and counseled the Chairman on litigation. Managed all lawyers in the Chairman's Office. Prepared Congressional testimony and attended Congressional hearings. Negotiated agreements with other Federal agencies.

As Deputy General Counsel, worked closely with the Chairman, Commissioners and senior agency staff to develop and implement SEC rulemakings. Advised the Chairman on novel legal questions. Analyzed key SEC regulatory actions from policy and litigation risk perspectives. Managed the Office of General Counsel Legal Policy Group.

2001-2006 **Latham & Watkins LLP, London and Hong Kong**
Partner

Represented public companies and underwriters in cross-border securities offerings and SEC matters. Management responsibilities included serving as Co-Chair of the firm's Corporate Finance Practice Group, and member

of the Opinion, New Business Intake and Associates Committees.

1997-2001

Allen & Overy, London and New York

Partner (1999-2001); Senior Associate (1997-1999)

Acted for issuers and underwriters in cross-border capital markets transactions.

1990-1997

Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton, New York and Brussels

Associate

Represented issuers in capital markets transactions, and governments in sovereign debt restructurings. Litigated a commercial contractual dispute before an international arbitration panel.

1989-1990

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, New York

Law Clerk to Hon. Wilfred Feinberg

Drafted opinions, orders and bench memoranda.

1988-1989

Sullivan & Cromwell, New York

Associate

Drafted briefs and motions.

Education

1988

JD, Yale University, New Haven, CT

Articles Editor, *Yale Journal of International Law*

1985

MA, Yale University, New Haven, CT

International Relations

1982

BA *cum laude*, Yale University, New Haven, CT

Major in Political Science

Faculty

Appointments

Adjunct Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center

“Corporate Governance” class (spring terms 2008, 2009, 2010)

Bar

Admissions

New York (1988); U.S. District Court, S.D.N.Y (1989); District of Columbia (2009)

Languages

Dutch; French; Spanish