

# Latham Lures West Coast-Bound White-Collar Partner From Paul Weiss

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## What You Need to Know

- Christopher Frey joined Latham on Monday after six and a half years as a white-collar partner at Paul Weiss.
- Frey represents global and Japanese clients, and previously served as head of Paul Weiss' Tokyo office.
- He arrives as Latham continues to bolster its white-collar bench with former federal prosecutors.

White-collar defense attorney Christopher Frey departed Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison for Latham & Watkins in New York with plans to relocate to the Bay Area, according to an announcement on Monday.

“Chris has robust trial experience and a history of leading large teams in both private practice and within the government. His credentials and substantive skills bolster our white collar offerings, including in securities fraud, financial institution fraud, and FCPA and sanctions matters, and further enhance our team’s capabilities in New York, the Bay Area, Asia, and around the world,” Doug Greenburg, global chair of the firm’s white-collar defense and investigations practice, said in a statement.

Frey spent six and a half years at Paul Weiss, where he made partner in 2019 and served as head of the Tokyo office since 2020. His practice focuses on white-collar and regulatory defense matters and investigations for major global and Japanese companies and financial institutions, according to the firm.

He previously represented a Japanese financial institution in parallel federal and state regulatory proceedings in the U.S.; a Japanese conglomerate and its U.S. subsidiary in a fraud investigation conducted by the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Central District of California; and a Korean semiconductor company in a U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission investigation related to accounting issues, among other matters.

Before his private practice, Frey served as an assistant U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York for over seven years, where he focused on commodities fraud and cybercrimes, among other matters. He was also an associate counsel for the White House Counsel’s Office under President Barack Obama for about a year.

“I look forward to further developing my practice here and building



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Christopher Frey of Latham & Watkins.

on connections between Latham’s current offerings and my experience in Japan, while also contributing to the white collar group from New York to California to Asia and beyond,” Frey said in a statement at the time of the announcement.

Frey joins Latham as it continues to enhance its white-collar defense team around the world.

In January, the firm added former prosecutors Scott Joiner and Alex Wyman in San Francisco and Los Angeles, respectively. Joiner spent seven years as an assistant U.S. attorney for the Northern District of California, while Wyman served as an assistant U.S. attorney for the Central District of California for about five years.

“Chris had a successful career at Paul, Weiss and we wish him well,” a firm spokesperson said in a statement.