

Former White House deputy counsel joins Latham & Watkins

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Michael Bosworth

Michael Bosworth, who was deputy counsel to President Barack Obama, has joined Latham & Watkins as a partner in New York. Bosworth joins the white-collar defence and investigations practice, the firm announced on 1 July.

Most recently, Bosworth was deputy general counsel for global holding company MacAndrews & Forbes (which owns companies including Revlon) where he supervised litigation and oversaw investigations and compliance. He said he “learned a tremendous amount” at the company over the past three years, but was excited to join the firm where he’ll work alongside former colleagues from the Southern District of New York and the Obama administration.

At Latham & Watkins, Bosworth said he hopes to focus on white-collar investigations, litigation, general crisis management and strategic advising.

The former in-house lawyer has held a variety of high-profile government roles, including his time as the deputy assistant and deputy counsel to President Barack Obama from 2014 to 2017. At the White House, Bosworth provided legal advice to the president and senior White House officials. He oversaw domestic policy legal issues from healthcare to immigration.

“It was incredible to work on issues of such consequence,” Bosworth said.

Before his time at the White House, Bosworth was special counsel to the director of the FBI for about six months in 2014 when James Comey oversaw the bureau.

Bosworth also spent about seven years as a prosecutor at the US Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, where he rose to co-chief of the complex frauds unit and was deputy chief of the public corruption unit.

At the Manhattan US attorney's office, Bosworth oversaw a number of white-collar matters including Foreign Corrupt Practices Act investigations. At the public corruption unit, Bosworth prosecuted former New York State senator Carl Kruger, who pleaded guilty in a corruption case, and celebrity financial adviser Kenneth I Starr, who admitted to stealing tens of millions of dollars from clients.

Benjamin Naftalis, global vice chair of the firm's white-collar defence and investigations practice, said: "We're thrilled to welcome [Bosworth] to Latham where he will be an asset to clients navigating white collar matters, internal investigations, cybercrime matters, and other complex disputes."

In an email, a spokesman for MacAndrews & Forbes said: "Michael is an extraordinarily talented lawyer and a brilliant legal mind. While we will miss his daily presence, we look forward to continuing to work with him in this new position."