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Mintz Levin Nabs Securities Partner For San Diego Office

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Law360, New York (December 05, 2012, 9:07 PM ET) -- Mintz Levin Cohn Ferris Glovsky & Popeo PC has snagged a securities expert for its San Diego office as part of its efforts to boost its corporate and securities practice in the city, the firm said Monday.

Marty Lorenzo, a major in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, joined the firm in December, according to a statement by the firm Monday. He joined the firm after some 13 years at DLA Piper, where he was partner when he left in November, according to his profile on the professional networking website LinkedIn.

Lorenzo confirmed Thursday that he joined from DLA Piper's San Diego Office, and that he had worked there since 1999.

"As a Marine, I have to sit in the commander's chair and look at things from an executive's position and try to plan it all out," Lorenzo told Law360 Thursday. "So I can see things from a CEO's perspective too, on how to direct the business,"

Lorenzo's expertise is in representing public and private startups in deals including private equity and venture capital financings and mergers and acquisitions in the U.S. and abroad, according to a statement by the firm Monday.

Lorenzo's clients include companies in media, government contracting, information technology and health care services, among other industries, and he has advised firms on matters including corporate governance, compliance and foreign corrupt practices, according to the firm.

"Like many members of our firm, Marty brings a long history of distinguished public and military service as well as an impressive legal track record," Eddie Wang Rodriguez, the managing member of the firm's San Diego office, said in the statement. "His experience handling complex and sophisticated transactions across a range of industries — in the U.S. and abroad — is an ideal complement to our transactional expertise in San Diego and throughout the firm."

He also has advised overseas clients on expansion and asset reorganization as well as cross-border legal issues, the firm said. The firm's San Diego office has 40 attorneys, with nine of them practising in the corporate section, a spokeswoman for Mintz Levin said Thursday.

Lorenzo received his law degree from the University of San Diego, the firm said.

"[Mintz Levin]'s focus in San Diego and national footprint were important to me," Lorenzo

said Thursday. "I needed a platform with greater flexibility to engage with my clients."

Lorenzo's hire follows that of Paul Dickerson, the founder of Haynes and Boone LLP's clean technology practice in October to boost Mintz Levin's corporate and securities section in Boston. Dickerson, who previously had worked as a U.S. Department of Energy official, also joined Mintz Levin's energy and clean technology practice as of counsel.

On Oct. 22, Adam Gale, the former head of Chadbourne & Parke LLP's hedge fund practice group started at a new post in Mintz Levin's corporate and securities section in New York.

Also in October, Mintz Levin also announced hires on the West Coast, including real estate attorney Paul Churchill from Goodwin Procter LLP to head up its San Francisco office, and former Greenberg Traurig LLP litigator Evan Nadel as a member of its litigation group.

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