

## Boies Schiller Exits Continue With Litigator's Jump To Mintz

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*Law360 (June 29, 2020, 6:38 PM EDT)* -- Mintz Levin Cohn Ferris Glovsky and Popeo PC announced Monday that it hired a New York-based complex civil litigator from Boies Schiller Flexner LLP, becoming the latest law firm to score talent from the litigation boutique amid its restructuring.

Courtney Rockett, an 18-year veteran of Boies Schiller, has joined Mintz as a member of the firm's litigation practice. Rockett is experienced in complex commercial transactions, securities, entertainment and intellectual property disputes, and represented high-profile clients, including Tory Burch LLC, Sony and film director Ron Howard.

"It just so happens that on so many of my matters right now I have counsels that are in specialty areas, and as you'll recall Boies Schiller transferred its corporate group out a number of years ago, so I've been missing not having a corporate group," Rockett said of her reasons for moving to Mintz.

"The opportunity to have my clients served fully within one firm without co-counsel was great," Rockett added.

Her clients have also included Eden Rock Group, Marya Group, Empowered Model Management, Fox Paine & Co., Freestream Aircraft Ltd., Zurich Financial Services Group, musician John Lurie, and screen legend Lauren Bacall, playwright Neil Simon and director Mike Nichols, according to Mintz.

Rockett said the "vast bulk" of her clients had indicated an intention to move over with her to Mintz.

Rockett joined Boies Schiller in 2001 and has worked closely alongside its founder David Boies, who, in recent years, has attracted criticism for his representation of controversial clients, such as convicted rapist Harvey Weinstein and Theranos Inc. founder Elizabeth Holmes.

"He's been an incredible mentor," Rockett said. "I've learned a tremendous amount from David, and then I'll keep everything I learned from him with me forever.

In a statement on Rockett's departure, Boies Schiller managing partner Nick Gravante wished Rockett "the very best" at her new firm.

Rockett's departure comes as a number of Boies Schiller attorneys have recently headed for the exit, decamping for other law firms including King & Spalding LLP, Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison LLP

and Jenner & Block LLP.

Since the spring, King & Spalding has nabbed a total of 19 partners from Boies Schiller. Meanwhile, two of the firm's high-profile trial lawyers, Karen Dunn and Bill Isaacson, who also served on Boies Schiller's executive committee, have joined Paul Weiss.

Seth Goldman, the division head for Mintz's litigation and employment, labor and benefits sections, said hiring Rockett is within the firm's strategy to expand its litigation practice in New York.

"We're doing that through obtaining supremely talented top-notch litigators with substantial practices, and Courtney's track record speaks for itself," Goldman said. "Certainly, she fits within all of those parameters, and she's a great hire."

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