

Mintz Lands Former Schulte White-Collar Co-Chair

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Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo announced Thursday that the firm has brought on former Schulte Roth & Zabel white-collar defense and government investigations co-chair Barry Bohrer.

Bohrer, who spent the past nine years at Schulte, will work out of the firm's New York office as a member.

"I had known Peter Chavkin at Mintz for over 30 years, he and I had traveled parallel paths," Bohrer said in an interview. "We had been on cases together.



Barry Bohrer

When he moved to Mintz 15 years ago, we kept in touch. I was familiar with the culture and thought it would be a good fit."

Bohrer said he is still in the process of transitioning clients, but is working on the assumption that the great majority will make the move with him.

The firm noted that Bohrer has taken on the Department of Justice, the SEC and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, among others.

Because of several factors, Bohrer said, the sort of high-stakes, high profile white-collar litigation he does has been slower in the past couple of years, but he expects that to change, especially in New York.

"In New York in particular, you are going to have, come Jan. 1, a new District Attorney and new U.S.



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attorneys in the Southern and Eastern districts in New York. And we have a new regime at the SEC, so I think you are going to see an uptick in enforcement and increased demand for those of us that have experience in those areas, and in particularly those that have courtroom experience in cases that are consequential," he said.

Mintz has made a point of expanding its New York office recently, having added five litigators, a mergers and acquisitions partner and a tax attorney over the past several months.

"There are only a few attorneys in the country with Barry's credentials," **Bob Bodian**, managing member of Mintz.

Schulte, as per firm policy, declined to comment on Bohrer's departure. The firm has seen its share of **partner exits** over the last year, but has also brought on some notable hires, including former McKool Smith litigator Gayle Klein as co-chair of its litigation group.