

Robinson & Cole Expands With New Lawyers In Philly, Boston

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Law360 (January 28, 2021, 4:10 PM EST) -- Robinson & Cole LLP announced the addition of four new attorneys this month in the firm's Boston and Philadelphia offices, continuing a wave of expansion in the Northeast, the firm said Thursday.

Most recently, business litigation partner Amanda Phillips joined Robinson & Cole's Boston office on Thursday following the addition of white collar partner Seth Orkand, who joined at the start of January. A pair of attorneys also joined the firm's Philadelphia office this month, with Katherine Katchen joining its employee benefits team and Rachel Jaffe Mauceri joining its bankruptcy and reorganization group, both as counsel.

Phillips, who previously served as a special agent in the U.S. Air Force said the people at Robinson & Cole was the main motivation behind her decision to join the firm along with the opportunity to grow her practice.

"Robinson & Cole has been such an amazing opportunity to grow my practice," she said. "The main attraction for me is that this is a group of sophisticated lawyers who have a long distinguished history of excellent client service but are also some of the nicest lawyers I've ever met. The nice collegial culture makes it both a nice place to work and a better product for our clients."

Orkand, who formerly worked as a partner at Miner Orkand Siddall LLP and as an assistant U.S. attorney in Boston, said his goals for his time at Robinson & Cole are to expand his practice and bring his government experience to help the firm's clients navigate the federal court waters.

"I'm looking forward to complementing the firm's already well-regarded government enforcement practice with the expertise and perspective of a former federal prosecutor," he said. "Particularly in Boston, we have a very active U.S. attorney's office especially in health care, financial services and the construction industry. I'm looking forward to working with the firm's clients in these industries."

In Philadelphia, Mauceri, previously at Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP, said she decided to join Robinson & Cole because of the firm's growing bankruptcy group and a desire to bring her experience to help



Katherine M.
Katchen



Seth Orkand



Amanda Phillips

increase its presence in the field.

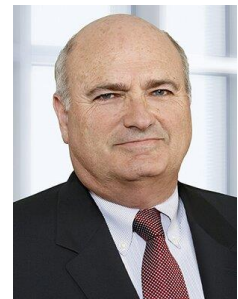
"I was excited by the opportunity and ability to bring my experience and knowledge and to hit the ground running," she said. "I'm also looking forward to working with the team as they continue growing their platform in Philadelphia. I'm happy to be part of Robinson & Cole's next chapter and happy for R+C to be mine."



Rachel J. Mauceri

Katchen mirrored her colleague's feelings, saying she's looking forward to helping grow Robinson & Cole's recently opened Philadelphia office, noting the presence of large insurers in the city as an opportunity for both her and the firm to expand their offerings in the market.

"Bringing that managed care group to the Philadelphia market with the number of major insurers that exist in the city is a tremendous opportunity," she said. "My goal is to help that existing group of attorneys that's already here to expand their practice group into a very robust market, which is primarily the reason for me making the move."



Stephen Goldman

All four attorneys have been involved in a large variety of disputes and events, including Orkand's experience working the Varsity Blues scandal and Mauceri's work with oil and gas bankruptcies such as Chesapeake Energy, which managing partner Stephen Goldman said reinforces Robinson & Cole's decision to bring them on board.

"All four of these people come with great backgrounds, worked in strong firms where they got really good training and experience, so I'm really excited to have them all," he said.

Goldman also said that Robinson & Cole's latest hires are part of a larger strategic plan the firm started in 2019, which included a focus on lateral growth and talent recruitment.

"The goal was really to build on our strengths with a focus on our fastest growing regions," he said. "We focused on a combination of more senior lawyers with well-developed practices and people at earlier stages of their careers who are really talented."

The latest additions continue Robinson & Cole's expansion efforts in the Northeast, which include the 2019 opening of its Philadelphia and Wilmington, Delaware, offices along with the 2020 addition of an eight-person insurance team in New York.

According to the firm's website, Robinson & Cole currently has over 220 attorneys located in 11 offices across the country.

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