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Shareholder Brett Kalikow Joins Stearns Weaver Miller's Miami Litigation Group

MIAMI, FL – September 27, 2023 – Stearns Weaver Miller announced that <u>Brett Kalikow</u> has joined the Firm's Miami office as a Shareholder in the <u>Litigation</u> group.

Brett is a former Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) for the Southern District of New York. He handles complex commercial litigation matters at the trial and appellate levels in state and federal courts and arbitrations. He represents corporations and individuals, on both the plaintiff and defense side, in a wide variety of substantive areas including contract litigation, business torts, consumer protection, securities litigation, investigations, class action litigation, and appeals.

Prior to joining the Firm, as an AUSA, Brett investigated and prosecuted cases involving international money laundering, embezzlement, mail/wire fraud, tax fraud, computer crime, and narcotics and firearms trafficking. In addition to securing numerous convictions by guilty plea, as the lead prosecutor, Brett secured convictions in a highly publicized bench trial of a woman who climbed the Statue of Liberty on the Fourth of July and in a violation of supervised release evidentiary hearing for a vicious robbery and stabbing that local prosecutors had declined to charge. Brett was also the lead author of several briefs for the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. Brett's work resulted in tens of millions of dollars in civil and criminal forfeitures and restitution to victims.

"We are excited about Brett joining the Firm. As a former Assistant United States Attorney, he is a skilled litigator and has unique insights, knowledge, and trial experience that will be a huge asset to clients," said Managing Director Rick Schatz.

Brett graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard Law School in 2014, where he was a member of the *Harvard Law Review*, and *cum laude* from Harvard College in 2009, where he studied Government and Economics. Following his graduation from Harvard Law School, Brett clerked for United States Circuit Judge Pierre N. Leval on the Second Circuit Court of Appeals and United States District Judge Paul A. Engelmayer in the Southern District of New York.

Following his judicial clerkships, Brett practiced in the Litigation Department of Davis Polk in New York City before joining the United States Attorneys' Office in the Southern District of New York.



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