

## Stearns Weaver Miller Adds Seasoned Litigator Michael J. Harwin in Miami

MIAMI, FL – Sept. 27, 2019 - Stearns Weaver Miller announced that Michael J. Harwin, former Assistant United States Attorney and Chief of the Civil Division of the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Florida, has joined the Firm's Miami office as a Shareholder in the Litigation group.

As an Assistant United States Attorney and Chief of the Civil Division, Michael prosecuted numerous criminal and civil cases on behalf of the United States, and successfully tried multiple jury trials to conclusion. On the criminal side his caseload included health care fraud, narcotics, firearm, child exploitation, mail fraud, wire fraud, and identity theft related matters, and on the civil side included False Claims Act, medical malpractice, employment discrimination, and immigration matters. As Chief of the Civil Division, Michael also managed and supervised seven Assistant United States Attorneys and support staff, reconfigured the Affirmative Civil Enforcement group, and reconstituted the False Claims Act practice in the district.

Prior to becoming a federal prosecutor, Michael practiced law at several prominent international law firms in New York and Washington, D.C., including Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, Jones Day and Foley & Lardner. While in private practice, Michael focused on complex commercial litigation and represented Fortune 100 clients in disputes involving insurance and reinsurance, international securities fraud, distribution and franchise issues, trademark litigation, and environmental issues under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA).

"We are looking forward to adding a person of Michael's talent and skill to our team and excited about the exceptional service he will provide to our current and potential clients." said Managing Director Rick Schatz. "His significant trial experience in connection with a wide range of civil and criminal matters adds another level to our already deep bench of seasoned trial lawyers."

Michael earned his J.D. from Emory University School of Law and his B.A. from Northwestern University. Michael is a member of the Georgia and District of Columbia Bars. After graduating from law school, Michael served as a law clerk for the Honorable Maurice M. Paul of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida, and later for the Honorable Ellsworth Van Graafeiland of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

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