

Former DOJ Deputy Assistant Attorney General Steven Engel Joins Dechert LLP

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Dechert LLP announced today that Steven A. Engel has joined the firm as a partner in the white collar and securities litigation group. Engel most recently served as Deputy Assistant Attorney General with the U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ) Office of Legal Counsel in Washington, D.C.

In addition to white collar and securities work, Engel's practice will cut across several of the firm's litigation groups, including mass torts and products liability, business litigation, antitrust, and appellate litigation.

"We are extremely pleased to have an attorney of Steven's caliber join our litigation team," Dechert Chairman Barton J. Winokur said. "His strong background in dealing with strategic legal issues and his appellate experience will greatly benefit our clients."

In a career spanning both private and public practice, Engel has developed significant experience in a wide range of civil litigation matters, including in the areas of administrative law, antitrust, bankruptcy, constitutional law, election law, national security and international law, securities law, and telecommunications law. Engel has litigated appeals before the U.S. Supreme Court and six U.S. Courts of Appeals, and he has advised private and government clients in connection with several congressional and regulatory investigations.

"My time at the Department of Justice could not have been more rewarding, but I am very excited to return to private practice. Dechert's nationally renowned practice excels in so many areas, and I look forward to working with the highly accomplished litigators at the firm," said Engel, who will be resident in the firm's Washington, D.C. office.

As Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Engel provided legal advice to senior policymakers on some of the most difficult and critical issues facing the Executive Branch, regularly advising on matters concerning national security, international law, constitutional law, and administrative law, and supervising the Office's review of executive orders. In addition, Engel managed the Office's response to a number of congressional investigations.

"My experience at the Office of Legal Counsel not only exposed me to a wide-range of fascinating and challenging areas of the law, but also gave me experience working on real-world crisis situations that will greatly benefit my work in private practice," Engel said.

A graduate of Harvard College (1996) and Cambridge University (1997), Engel received his law degree from Yale Law School (2000), where he served as essays editor of the *Yale Law Journal*. He served as a law clerk to Associate Justice Anthony M. Kennedy of the United States Supreme Court and now-Chief Judge Alex Kozinski of the U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit.

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