

## Kirkland & Ellis Bolsters Antitrust Practice with Notable Partner Hires



### Expansion in Antitrust Practice

Kirkland & Ellis, a leading U.S. law firm, has announced a significant expansion of its antitrust practice by recruiting partners from two prestigious firms, Cravath, Swaine & Moore, and King & Spalding.

### Notable Partner Hires

Daniel Zach, a former assistant director at the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC), has joined Kirkland from Cravath, marking at least the third partner departure from the renowned New York-based firm within a week. Norman Armstrong, Jr., the global co-leader of King & Spalding's antitrust practice and a former director of the FTC's competition bureau, has also been recruited by Kirkland.

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### Expertise and Experience

At Cravath, Zach played a pivotal role as he managed his division's antitrust investigations, overseeing a spectrum of merger reviews across industries such as pharmaceuticals, life sciences, medical devices, and technology. On the other hand, Armstrong brings a wealth of experience, having represented prominent clients, including Energizer and Porsche, during his tenure at King & Spalding.

### Acknowledgment of Kirkland's Standing

In a statement released by Kirkland, Armstrong acknowledged the firm's position as the world's largest law firm by revenue. He highlighted Kirkland's achievement of securing the top spot in M&A legal adviser rankings compiled by Dealogic and LSEG, emphasizing the firm's substantial deal flow.

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## Farewell Statements

Spokespersons from both Cravath and King & Spalding expressed well wishes for the departing lawyers in separate statements, acknowledging the contributions made by Zach and Armstrong to their respective firms.

This move signifies Kirkland & Ellis's strategic investment in bolstering its antitrust capabilities, further solidifying its legal powerhouse position.

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