
Former CFPB Senior Counselor Michael Gordon Joins WilmerHale

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WilmerHale is pleased to announce that Michael Gordon, senior counselor to the director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), is rejoining the firm in April as a partner in the Washington DC office. Mr. Gordon joins the Financial Institutions and Strategic Response Practices, further expanding the firm's consumer finance regulatory and enforcement capabilities and congressional investigations experience.

"Michael has a broad range of consumer-related enforcement and regulatory knowledge, as well as seasoned congressional investigations and government litigation experience which will greatly enhance our already robust Financial Institutions and Strategic Response Practices," said Robert Novick, co-managing partner of WilmerHale. "Client requests surrounding the consumer finance market are growing rapidly due to the uptick in CFPB enforcement and regulatory actions. Michael's deep understanding of the CFPB's policies, culture and priorities will build out the group's capabilities as we meet the growing demands from clients for our assistance. We're delighted to have him back at the firm."

WilmerHale's Financial Institutions Practice is well-regarded for assisting high-profile clients in challenging and complex federal regulatory and legislative, litigation, enforcement, and business transaction matters. Mr. Gordon joins the group's elite roster of attorneys who have previously held senior level positions in federal agencies, Congress and the Executive Branch.

"I am so pleased to be rejoining the firm and I look forward to working alongside so many talented and experienced attorneys," said Mr. Gordon. "The firm is a perfect fit for me, and I know it will provide exceptional opportunities for growth."

As senior counselor to the CFPB director, Mr. Gordon provided strategic advice to the director and senior CFPB officials on policy questions as well as significant enforcement actions, including the negotiation and resolution of complex matters. Prior to that role, Mr. Gordon served as the deputy general counsel at the CFPB from 2011-2012 and before that he served on the CFPB implementation team at the time the Bureau was established in 2010. Before joining the CFPB, Mr. Gordon served as counselor to the General Counsel of the US Department of the Treasury.

Additionally, Mr. Gordon has significant Congressional oversight and investigations experience. He served as chief investigative counsel for US House Chairman Henry Waxman on the House Energy and Commerce Committees and senior investigative counsel on the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

Mr. Gordon began his legal career in 1998 as an associate and counsel at Wilmer Cutler & Pickering, working on government enforcement matters and litigation until he departed for public service in 2006.