

## Top NY AG Deputy Returns To Boies Schiller

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Boies Schiller & Flexner LLP has convinced a top deputy to New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman to return to the firm after an approximately five-year hiatus from private practice, the firm announced on Thursday.

Harlan Levy will join Boies Schiller in October as a partner, after having served as Schneiderman's chief deputy attorney general and counsel since January 2011. Levy, who had previously been a partner at Boies Schiller for about a decade beginning in 2000, will join the firm's global investigations, crisis management and white collar defense practice areas.



Harlan Levy

"He was an outstanding and very experienced lawyer when he left in 2011, and he returns to us an even better and more effective counselor, with critical insights and perspectives unique to the considerable responsibilities he held on behalf of the people of New York," firm chairman David Boies said in a statement.

In his time working under Schneiderman, Levy helped oversee some of the office's most important cases and investigations, including a probe of major banks for misrepresentations and omissions in the sale of residential mortgage-backed securities.

That investigation ultimately resulted in the formation of a joint federal and state task force that has produced more than \$60 billion in settlements, according to a statement issued on Thursday by the AG's office announcing Levy's departure.

Levy also helped oversee the office's antitrust challenge seeking to block AT&T Inc.'s proposed \$39 billion acquisition of T-Mobile USA Inc. The AG's office in 2011 joined a lawsuit along with several other states that had been lodged by the U.S. Department of Justice challenging the deal, which AT&T eventually abandoned.

In addition to those matters, Levy also helped oversee the criminal prosecutions of more than 70 public officials and nonprofit executives in public integrity cases, and originated the office's campaign to compel the smartphone industry to implement technological solutions that allowed stolen smartphones

to be rendered inoperable, the AG's office said.

Schneiderman on Thursday issued a statement calling Levy "one of the best legal minds in New York," in addition to being "one of my closest friends.

"As my top deputy, Harlan has provided incredible leadership in helping us build the best public law firm in the country, handled some of the most complicated legal matters to face the state and been a driving force in many of the groundbreaking initiatives our office has launched," Schneiderman said. "While we will miss his leadership and guidance, his contributions to the people of New York will continue in the form of the incredible legal team we have built over the last five years."

For his part, Levy said that his time at the attorney general's office gave him the opportunity to do "fascinating work" and that he was "honored to have been part of a great team" under Schneiderman's leadership.

Levy said that he "loved his job" in the AG's office, but the time had come for him to return to private practice.

"I know the firm well and know its many strengths as a place to do the kind of work I'd like to do, which is civil litigation and government investigations," Levy said. "My goal [at Boies Schiller] is to do excellent legal work and work with clients to represent their interests wisely."

Upon joining the firm, however, Levy noted that he will be barred from representing clients in matters involving the New York attorney general's office for two years.

In addition to his work in the New York AG's office, Levy has also served as an assistant district attorney and homicide prosecutor in the office of longtime Manhattan District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau, who served in the role for 35 years prior to his retirement in late 2009.

Levy earned his law degree from Columbia Law School, and obtained his undergraduate degree from Amherst College.

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