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Barry Rashkover to lead Walden Macht & Haran LLP Securities Enforcement Practice

Barry Rashkover, veteran securities enforcement defense lawyer and former senior SEC official, will lead practice, represent clients before SEC and other securities regulators

NEW YORK (April 22, 2024) – [Walden Macht & Haran \(WMH\)](#), a New York-based boutique law firm, announced the launch of its enhanced [Securities Enforcement practice](#). Barry Rashkover, who joined the firm today as a partner, will lead the group at WMH, representing clients before regulatory and law enforcement agencies. Barry is a veteran securities enforcement defense lawyer with two decades of experience as a partner at a major global law firm where he previously served as co-head of the global Securities Enforcement and Regulatory practice. Before that, he served as a senior SEC enforcement official and spearheaded major cases for that agency.

“I am delighted and very excited to join the outstanding litigators and white-collar lawyers at Walden Macht & Haran, including my long-time friends Jeff Udell and Paul Ryan,” said **Rashkover, Partner, Walden Macht & Haran**. “Increasingly, there is a growing and crucial need for nationally known securities defense counsel to team up with boutique white-collar and litigation practitioners to offer clients specialized attention and expertise in defending challenging investigations and enforcement actions. Walden Macht & Haran is perfectly suited to thrive in that space, and am proud to be part of their team.”

Lawyers in the WMH Securities Enforcement team have a track record of representing clients in critical matters before regulatory agencies such as the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), and the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE).

“*Barry is an outstanding lawyer who is a relentless advocate for his clients,*” said **Jeffrey Udell, Partner, Walden Macht & Haran**. “*His knowledge and experience in the securities enforcement space is second to none, and he has the respect and trust of securities regulators across the board. He’ll be a natural fit for WMH, and I look forward to continuing to work with him, now under one roof.*”

“*I am thrilled that Barry has joined WMH to lead our Securities Enforcement group. I’ve known Barry for over twenty years, and he is deservedly recognized as one of the leading lights of the SEC bar,*” said **Paul Ryan, Of Counsel, Walden Macht & Haran**. “*I eagerly anticipate collaborating with him to solidify WMH as the ultimate destination boutique for this challenging and crucial work.*”

WMH's Securities Enforcement practice focuses on high-stakes investigations and enforcement actions, especially those where careers and the survival of businesses are at stake. It covers the full spectrum of securities enforcement, including defense of public companies and senior officials, broker-dealers and financial services professionals, hedge funds, private equity funds, and other investment advisers, and crypto. Its practitioners also conduct securities-related internal company investigations. WMH's Securities Enforcement lawyers are seasoned courtroom advocates with considerable experience litigating SEC enforcement actions in federal court and SEC administrative proceedings.

Spearheading the practice area with [Mr. Rashkover](#) are:

- **Sean Haran**, a trusted advisor to public and private companies and senior executives in complex civil, criminal, commercial, and regulatory matters. Sean represents executives of financial services and cryptocurrency firms in federal criminal, SEC and CFTC investigations.
- **Mitra Hormozi**, a veteran trial attorney, a former federal prosecutor and general counsel with extensive experience working on behalf of clients facing regulatory investigations before securities regulators including the SEC, potential criminal prosecutions, internal investigations, and compliance matters.
- **Devon Little**, who focuses on white-collar criminal defense, regulatory enforcement, and internal investigations, representing individuals and corporations in both state and federal courts as well as regulatory proceedings before the SEC.
- **Paul Ryan**, a trusted litigator and former SEC enforcement lawyer who represents individuals, trading firms, and corporations in high stakes government enforcement and civil litigation matters, as well as in sensitive SEC matters.
- **Jeffrey Udell**, a veteran trial lawyer, former federal prosecutor, and counselor who represents individuals, hedge funds, investors, and other corporate clients in sensitive, complex, and high-stakes matters. Jeff regularly represents individuals in sensitive matters before securities regulators including the SEC, FINRA, and the NYSE.
- **Jim Walden**, a nationally recognized trial lawyer focusing on high-profile criminal, civil and regulatory matters before securities regulators including the SEC, representing both private defendants and plaintiffs as well as government agencies. Jim has served as counsel to the court-appointed monitor in a securities enforcement matter.
- **Ronald White**, an experienced trial and appellate lawyer, focuses his practice on white-collar criminal defense, SEC enforcement matters, corporate internal investigations, and complex civil litigation.

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