

Mayer Brown Adds Ex-Greenberg Traurig Shareholder

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Law360 (June 18, 2019, 2:29 PM EDT) -- Mayer Brown has hired a former Greenberg Traurig LLP shareholder with extensive experience advising private equity sponsors on portfolio company acquisitions and sales, the firm announced.

Marc Harrison joined Mayer Brown LLP's Chicago office this month as a partner and a member of the firm's corporate and securities practice, advising clients in a broad variety of industries, the firm said.

The move was a chance to develop and expand his practice at a collaborative global law firm with a "thriving corporate department," Harrison said.

"I really like a lot of things about Mayer Brown. They're focused on doing a good job serving financial sponsor clients, globally," Harrison told Law360 in an interview. "There's lots of energy and dedication to private equity here."

He began his career as an associate at Jenner & Block, before joining Greenberg Traurig, where he worked for seven years. His move to Mayer Brown reunites him with a former partner at Greenberg Traurig, Ameer Ahmad, who joined the private equity practice in Chicago last year, according to the firm.

His experience includes helping financial sponsors, strategic buyers and sellers navigate complex business transactions, including public and private acquisitions and dispositions, leveraged buyouts, restructuring and joint ventures, the firm said.

Harrison also represents public and private companies and venture capital firms in structuring and negotiating growth equity and venture capital investments, equity financings, recapitalizations and restructurings and executive compensation and incentive equity matters, Mayer Brown said.

Harrison declined to name current or former clients but said most of his private equity clients have operated in the business technology, medical product and retail spaces.

When he was at Greenberg Traurig, he advised Brentwood Associates on its acquisition and sale of shoemaker Allen Edmonds Corp., its acquisition of designer J.McLaughlin, its partnership with lifestyle retailer Z Gallerie and its acquisition of several other retailers, according to the firm's website.



Marc Harrison

"Marc is a significant addition to our growing private equity practice here in Chicago and nationally," Britt Miller, managing partner of Mayer Brown's Chicago office, said in a statement. "The ability to draw on Marc's talent in structuring and negotiating complex business transactions will add tremendous value for our clients."

Harrison earned both his undergraduate degree and his law degree from Loyola University.

He's the 17th partner the firm has added to its ranks in the last year as it expands its corporate and securities practice, Mayer Brown said.

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