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Alaska AUSA joins Perkins Coie's white-collar team

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Kevin Feldis, a veteran of the Alaska US attorney's office, joined Perkins Coie's commercial litigation practice on 2 October, the firm announced.

The new partner will split his time between the firm's Anchorage and Washington, DC, offices, focusing on complex litigation, white collar investigations, cybersecurity and corporate compliance. He will leverage overseas stints as the Justice Department's legal adviser in Baku, Azerbaijan and Jakarta, Indonesia to bring an international focus to his practice, which will include anti-money laundering and anti-corruption work.

"I was looking for a well established Alaska practice that's part of a great national firm," Feldis told GIR Just Anti-Corruption. "I have done work everywhere around the country and world, and wanted to continue to do work internationally and nationally while definitely" staying rooted in Anchorage.

A Long Island native, Feldis, 48, came to Alaska after clerking in Chicago for US District Judge Hubert Will, who died in 1995. He spent a year as an associate at Kirkland & Ellis in Washington, DC, before moving to the land of the midnight sun to work in private practice.

In 1999 he left the local office of Minneapolis-based Dorsey & Whitney to join the US Attorney's Office in Anchorage, eventually rising to criminal chief and first assistant US Attorney.

As a federal prosecutor, Feldis's experience ran the gamut, from environmental matters to healthcare, maritime, oil & gas, fishing and technology cases. In 2013 he prosecuted a serial killer who committed suicide before trial.

He visited Washington frequently in his career, having worked closely with nearly every Main Justice division including criminal, civil, environment and tax. As a member of DOJ working groups on computer hacking and intellectual property, environmental crimes and other white-collar criminal matters, Feldis also helped shape law enforcement policies.

"Kevin is an exceptional attorney with sterling credentials," Katie O'Sullivan, Chair of Perkins Coie's commercial litigation practice, said in a statement.

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Feldis said his family will remain in Anchorage as he splits his time between Alaska and Washington. He wasted no time getting started at Perkins Coie: His last day at the DOJ was 29 September.

Feldis earned his law degree from the University of Chicago Law School in 1994 after graduating from Yale and spending a year at Skadden Arps in New York.