

Crowell & Moring Gets Corporate Atty From Kleinberg Kaplan

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Law360 (October 8, 2024, 1:13 PM EDT) -- Crowell & Moring LLP announced Tuesday that it has added a former Kleinberg Kaplan Wolff & Cohen PC partner to its corporate practice in New York.

Arinze Ike joins Crowell & Moring as a partner to help bolster its depth in securities and capital market transactions, the global firm said.

"Crowell provides a large, dynamic platform, offering an expanded suite of services to clients," Ike said in a statement. "I'm excited to represent portfolio companies and private equity firms on corporate matters while being able to offer diverse regulatory advice from one of the country's most recognized regulatory firms."



Arinze Ike

Ike told Law360 in an emailed statement that "one of the key reasons" he has joined the firm "is because we can offer highly experienced regulatory and IP counsel right from the start of transactions."

"Crowell has some of the most sought-after regulatory practices of any AmLaw firm, and clients need transactional teams that can bring together a variety of disciplines to work collaboratively and efficiently to achieve their goals," Ike said.

He added that "clients need practical advice to get their deals over the finish line."

"Now more than ever, funds focused on regulated industries, like health care, energy, and others, must understand the breadth of regulatory concerns that could impact their transaction," Ike said. "Deal teams need to know what regulators will need to see as they review the transactions."

Ike's focuses his practice on capital market transactions, including secured and unsecured credit facilities, asset-based loans, public and private equity and debt, and crypto offerings, Crowell & Moring said.

Also, he advises companies on mergers and acquisitions, such as portfolio acquisitions, joint ventures, stock and asset purchases, and private equity and venture capital investments, the announcement said.

Before joining Crowell & Moring, Ike worked at Kleinberg Kaplan for more than nine years, according to his LinkedIn profile. He was promoted to partner at that firm in 2020, according to an announcement at the time.

He was also previously an associate at Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP for more than eight years, his LinkedIn profile says.

Ike earned his law degree from Columbia Law School and a bachelor's degree in economics and computer science from Duke University.

"Arinze adds significant depth to our securities bench. But more importantly, his sweet spot is the same middle market space that we are focusing on," John J. Koenigsknecht, co-chair of Crowell & Moring's corporate group, said in a statement. "He helps expand the services we can provide clients and further enhances Crowell's growing securities, capital markets, and private equity practices."

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