



Nationally Recognized White Collar Litigator Mike Piazza Joins Lathrop GPM as a Partner in Dallas

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DALLAS (April 16, 2024) — Lathrop GPM LLP is proud to announce that Mike Piazza joined the firm on April 15 as a partner in the Litigation & Dispute Resolution practice group. He is based in the Dallas office. Piazza is a national authority on white collar defense, securities and complex commercial litigation, bet-the-company business disputes, and accountant liability. He represents individuals and companies in financial services, private equity funds, health care, utilities, retail, hospitality and real estate development.

"The addition of a partner like Mike, who brings a depth of experience to the firm, is essential for our clients and the firm's strategic growth initiatives," said Charlie Maier, Lathrop GPM's Litigation & Dispute Resolution practice group chair. "Mike's professional experience and demonstrated ability to handle intricate cases is an asset to Lathrop GPM and the clients we serve. We welcome him to the partnership and to the Dallas office."

Piazza will focus on white collar defense and investigations, regulatory compliance, dispute resolution, and trial representation. He handles cases related to allegations brought by U.S. regulatory authorities including state attorneys general, the Department of Justice (DOJ), the Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC), the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB), and foreign regulatory authorities. A nationally recognized authority, Mike is regularly quoted by the *Wall Street Journal*, *Financial Times*, *Bloomberg*, *Law360*, and *Capitol Matters*.

"I am excited to be a partner at Lathrop GPM, collaborating with a team that holds a wealth of experience matched with a clear and consistent passion for the law and the clients we serve," said Piazza. "The increasing scope of government regulation that touches many aspects of business activity has created a situation where more law-abiding businesses and individuals find themselves targeted in regulatory and law enforcement investigations initiated by aggressive regulators and prosecutors. This can be overwhelming and frightening for clients. I strive to give them the best possible representation while simultaneously helping them manage the pressure of dealing with an ongoing government investigation or lawsuit."

Piazza earned his J.D. from the University of Minnesota Law School, *magna cum laude* and Order of the Coif, and his bachelor's degree *cum laude* from Carleton College. He is a Fellow with Litigation Counsel of



America and a member of the Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni (ASECA).