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FEDERAL PROSECUTOR GEORGIA ALEXAKIS JOINS RSHC. FIRM'S WHITE COLLAR PRACTICE NOW INCLUDES FIVE FORMER ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEYS.

CHICAGO – Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila LLP (RSHC) welcomes new partner Georgia Alexakis to the firm's Government Enforcement, Investigations & White Collar Criminal Defense and Appellate advocacy practices.

Alexakis joins the firm following nearly nine years with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Illinois, where she most recently served as Deputy Chief of Appeals in its Criminal Division.

"Georgia is a great addition to our team," said RSHC Managing Partner Patricia Brown Holmes. "Not only does she have an enviable track record of success before both judges and juries in her own right, but her guidance as deputy chief positioned fellow prosecutors for strong outcomes in the district court as well as on appeal."

Recognized nationally by the Department of Justice for her outstanding performance as an appellate advocate, Alexakis also developed extensive experience as a trial lawyer, securing convictions against public officials, lobbyists, and a police officer who, as a jury found, used excessive force in firing his weapon and striking two Chicago teenagers. Beyond this, she was tapped to develop and implement responses to several congressional subpoenas seeking sensitive information from the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Her work culminated in witness testimony from the Department of Justice before the House Judiciary and Oversight and Reform Committees.

"While I'm deeply proud of what I was able to accomplish during my career in government service, I am thrilled to begin the next chapter of my career with RSHC," Alexakis said. "The firm has a dynamic, entrepreneurial culture and a diverse partnership committed to excellence in all they do."

Before serving as a federal prosecutor, Alexakis was a trial lawyer and partner at a nationally recognized litigation firm as well as a law clerk to judges on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. She earned her

undergraduate degree from Harvard University and her law degree from Northwestern Pritzker School of Law.

In 2020, Legal industry consultants BTI Consulting Group honored RSHC as a “Midsize Heavyweight,” one of just 37 midsize firms nationwide that business clients said give them “the same level of confidence and reliability as the big firms.” The firm’s success in white collar work comes from the long experience of a deep bench of talent unmatched among mid-sized and even many global firms. RSHC’s ranks include five former Assistant U.S. Attorneys, a former prosecutor in the New York District Attorney’s Office, a former federal defender, a former Department of Justice trial lawyer, and multiple former state prosecutors.

In addition to the growth of the firm’s white collar practice, this week RSHC also welcomes recent *Bloomberg Law* “40 Under 40” honoree Keyonn Pope and Monique Howery to its intellectual property and litigation practices in Chicago and associate Brendan Gerdes to the firm’s New York office.

About RSHC

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