

McGlinchey Stafford Commemorates One-Year Anniversary of Washington, DC Office; Adds Former CFPB Regulator Brian Fink and Consumer Finance Attorney Peter L. Cockrell

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McGlinchey Stafford PLLC is proud to commemorate the first anniversary of the opening of its Washington, DC office. The location, which has grown to five attorneys since its opening in October 2014, is led by **Robert N. Driscoll**, former Deputy Assistant Attorney General and Chief of Staff, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice.

Attorneys in the firm's Washington, DC office focus on the representation of corporations, governmental entities, and individuals in government investigations by agencies such as the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), and Federal Trade Commission (FTC), and investigations by legislative branch bodies or committees of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. In addition, attorneys in the office serve their clients in the areas of financial services compliance and commercial litigation.

"Over the past year, the establishment and growth of our Washington, DC office has better positioned McGlinchey Stafford to more effectively represent clients in a broad variety of matters involving government investigations and enforcement proceedings," said Driscoll. "The addition of our Washington, DC presence is especially critical to the firm's financial services clients facing unprecedented scrutiny brought by government agencies such as the DOJ, CFPB, and FTC," he added.

The Washington, DC office also features **Harry D. George Jr.**, Of Counsel, and **Sharon Sulami**, Associate, both with specific white collar/government investigations experience.

Additionally, McGlinchey Stafford is pleased to announce that **Brian Fink** has joined the firm's Washington, DC office as Of Counsel. He will practice within the firm's Consumer Financial Services Compliance and White Collar/Government Investigations sections, focusing on advising depository and non-depository financial institutions on all aspects of compliance, government investigations, and regulatory issues.

Fink joins McGlinchey Stafford from the CFPB, where he served as Supervisory Analyst, Attorney Advisor, and Senior Analyst within the CFPB's Office of Supervision Policy. His work focused on the CFPB's payday, deposit and overdraft, mortgage origination, and automobile origination examination programs. He also resolved complex examination issues, with particular emphasis on issues relating to the Truth in Lending Act, Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, Truth in Savings Act, Electronic Funds Transfer Act, and the determination of unfair, deceptive, and abusive acts and practices. Prior to joining the CFPB, Fink served as a Supervisory Analyst within the Federal Reserve Board of Governors; Vice President and Associate General Counsel for M&T Bank, supporting its consumer lending division; Vice President and Compliance and CRA Officer for First National Bank of Pennsylvania; and Examiner for the Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank. Fink received his J.D. in 1999 from Hamline University, where he was a member of the *Hamline Law Review*. He earned his M.B.A. in 2002 from the University of St. Thomas.

Also joining McGlinchey Stafford is experienced financial services attorney **Peter L. Cockrell**. Cockrell joins the firm as an Associate and will practice within the firm's Consumer Financial Services Compliance group. He has represented mortgage lenders and servicers, finance companies, banks, title insurance companies, and other consumer financial service providers in regulatory matters. He received his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from the George Mason University School of Law in 2011.

"Brian brings a wealth of government investigations experience and financial industry insight to McGlinchey Stafford, thanks to his background within the CFPB from its inception as well as within M&T Bank," said **Rudy Aguilar**, Managing Member of McGlinchey Stafford. "Additionally, we're delighted to welcome Peter to our growing Consumer Financial Services Compliance practice. These two dynamic attorneys will serve as invaluable resources for our clients with regard to regulatory guidance and bureau examinations, and we're excited they have joined our team," Aguilar added.

With the addition of Fink and Cockrell, McGlinchey Stafford's Consumer Financial Services Compliance practice has grown to 25 attorneys nationwide.

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