

Benesch Adds New Cybersecurity, IP Partner In Chicago

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Law360 (March 8, 2021, 3:58 PM EST) -- Benesch Friedlander Coplan & Aronoff LLP added an experienced attorney who focuses on technology and cybersecurity to its innovations, information technology and intellectual property practice group as a partner in Chicago, the firm announced.

Ryan Sulkin, who previously was at Michael Best & Friedrich LLP, joined Benesch Friedlander in February, bringing a practice that focuses on aiding his clients in technological issues, such as contracting, software development, data privacy, cybersecurity and breach response.

"Ryan is a great addition to the tech-savvy and business-minded 3iP team," managing partner Gregg Eisenberg said in a statement. "His focus on data privacy and technology transactions bolsters the already robust suite of services we offer clients looking to protect their own intellectual property, safeguard their customers' data and leverage technology to grow their businesses."

Sulkin told Law360 Pulse on Monday he was attracted to the firm because of the 3iP practice group's compatibility with his practice.

"From its earliest days, this was really the emphasis of my practice," he said. "I regularly represent highly regulated industry clients such as financial services, health care and retail, and the practice group at Benesch has practitioners with a combined knowledge of information technology, legal issues, cybersecurity and data security regulation to give clients a full-service cohesive view when they're coming to us with their data and technology questions."

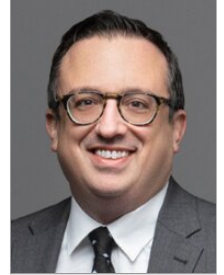
Sulkin, a graduate of Harvard Law School, said he first got into the information technology and cybersecurity realm upon graduating from law school in 2004. He said it attracted him because of the challenge posed by modernizing laws and regulations developed for a pre-digital environment.

"It was really an emerging topic back then, and what I found was that there's a lot of room for creativity, which is really what I enjoy the most," he said. "You've got a set of laws which are written in black-and-white, but those laws weren't written with current-day technologies in mind, and this creativity also allows me to help my clients comply with the law."

Sulkin's arrival is the latest in a series of additions Benesch has made this year, with the firm saying it has added 20 attorneys, including the arrivals in February of finance partners Andy Bojko and Laura Hult in Columbus.

Benesch Friedlander has more than 200 attorneys in six offices across the U.S. and an office in Shanghai, according to its website.

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