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Litigator Returns To Honigman After Stint With His Own Firm

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Law360 (May 16, 2023, 3:42 PM EDT) -- A onetime partner in Honigman LLP's Chicago office who struck out on his own five years ago is returning home to his former firm.

Robert Palmersheim, who formed Palmersheim & Mathew LLP in 2018 with attorney Anand Mathew, will rejoin Honigman as a partner in its litigation practice. Coming with him is Timothy G. Parilla, an associate of Palmersheim's firm who joins Honigman as an associate.

Palmersheim told Law360 Pulse on Tuesday that he'd originally left the firm because he was intrigued by the possibilities of running his own litigation boutique, but returned because of the resources a larger firm can offer clients.



Robert Palmersheim

"Prior to joining Honigman through a merger, I was a partner at the venerable Chicago commercial litigation boutique Schopf & Weiss LLP," he said in an email. "I thoroughly enjoyed practicing at Honigman, but the desire to create a successful business by doing great work for my longtime clients led me to take the leap and start my own firm."

He added, "But even after leaving Honigman, I continued to work with the firm on a number of matters, including a substantial plaintiffs' antitrust case that we successfully settled last year. And when I decided to go in a new direction that would allow me to focus more on client service and less on running a law firm, that connection to Honigman led me back to the firm and I chose Honigman over a bevy of other larger law firms."

The firm described Palmersheim as a "tenacious and skilled litigator" and said he will bring more than 20 years of experience in commercial litigation on breach of contract, antitrust, product liability, mergers and acquisitions, and intellectual property issues.

"Robert has always been an invaluable member of the Honigman family, and we couldn't be more thrilled to have him return after his successful venture of running his own boutique law firm in Chicago," said Honigman CEO and Chair David Foltyn in a statement. "We are also pleased to welcome his associate Tim Parilla and are excited to see what new insights and perspectives they will bring to the firm."

Palmersheim began his legal career at Winston & Strawn LLP after attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison and DePaul University College of Law, according to his LinkedIn page. He said that trying his hand at a small practice hadn't substantially changed his views on the business of law.

"It is all about client service and doing great work for great clients," Palmersheim said. "That was a value I shared with Honigman when I joined the firm for the first time back in 2015."

He continued, "I always considered Honigman to be more like a boutique with multiple specialties rather than a large law firm. At Honigman, it is easy to find the expertise that my clients need to address their legal issues. Simply put, it is a great platform to do whatever you want with your practice."

Mathew did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

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