

## Jenner & Block Adds Ex-Adviser To House Republicans

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*Law360 (October 10, 2023, 2:49 PM EDT)* -- An attorney who spent more than a dozen years on Capitol Hill and worked for Republicans on key U.S. House committees is the latest former government lawyer to join Jenner & Block LLP in Washington, D.C., the firm said Tuesday.

Jonathan Skladany joins Jenner & Block as special counsel in the congressional investigations, government controversies and public policy litigation practices. He moved to the firm from the International Monetary Fund, where he spent the past year as senior communications officer and head of U.S. government affairs.



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Skladany had previously advised Republican lawmakers, working in roles that included chief counsel for oversight on the Financial Services Committee from 2019 to 2022 and staff director to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform in 2017.

In all, he worked in Congress from 2009 to 2022, when he left for the IMF.

Skladany, whose first day at Jenner & Block was last week, told Law360 Pulse on Tuesday that he was eager to "return to the world of congressional oversight," and excited to reconnect with former Hill staff colleagues who now work at the firm.

"It just seemed like a great fit," he said.

The firm said Skladany played a key role in high-profile congressional hearings that included the House Financial Services Committee's 17-month probe of 2021's "meme stock" trading frenzy, in which prices of GameStop Corp., AMC Entertainment Holdings Inc. and other stocks skyrocketed due to social media buzz.

Emily Loeb, who leads the firm's congressional investigations practice and co-chairs the government controversies and public policy litigation practice, said Skladany brings a unique set of skills, having held senior roles on both the House Financial Services Committee and the House Oversight Committee.

While the oversight panel is the House's primary investigative committee, the Financial Services Committee "is also critically important in the execution of the House's oversight responsibilities," particularly in the areas of fintech, crypto and emerging technologies, Loeb said.

Companies today are getting "squeezed on both sides, from Republicans and Democrats," with lawmakers increasingly interested in their business practices, she said.

Over time, Republican congressional investigators in particular "have become more and more comfortable seeking answers from the private sector," Skladany said.

Investigators today are not just seeking information about federal programs, "they're asking questions directly to the private sector, about their policies and practices on things like ESG [environmental, social and corporate governance]," he said. "I think we'll continue to see that, certainly throughout the remainder of this Congress."

Jenner & Block's other D.C. hires this year include Eric Einhorn, the former chief of staff to U.S. Sen. Brian Schatz, D-Hawaii, and Josh Hsu, former legal counsel for Vice President Kamala Harris.

Skladany graduated from George Mason University's Antonin Scalia Law School and earned his undergraduate degree from William & Mary.

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