Miles & Stockbridge Adds Transactional Tax Principal

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Law360 (June 22, 2021, 3:49 PM EDT) -- Mid-Atlantic firm Miles & Stockbridge has added a transactional tax attorney as a principal in its Baltimore office.

In an announcement Monday, the firm said that Michael J. Fellerman will join several practice groups, including tax and banking and finance, and that his practice will handle sophisticated tax matters, including those related to public finance and transactional work.

"Michael offers a unique tax skill set well suited for clients across the firm," said Nancy Greene, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Miles & Stockbridge, in a statement. "He will go where needed, working closely with the lawyers on our public finance team, but also in our corporate, health care and tax credit practices."

Fellerman, originally from the Baltimore area, moved to New York after law school and started his legal career at Big Four accounting firm Deloitte in 2001. He also worked at mid-size firm Windels Marx in New York, and at Shulman Rogers in Washington, D.C.

His practice focuses on a range of tax matters, including handling the tax dimensions of business transactions, and he helps clients structure transactions favorably, according to the firm. He also advises on matters such as tax planning and partnership agreements.

He told Law360 Pulse that he moved back to Baltimore so that his son could attend school through the Kennedy Krieger Institute, which provides programs for children with developmental disabilities and is affiliated with Johns Hopkins University. He initially joined a smaller firm that didn’t tend to do the types of transactions he typically works on, he said, but accepted the downsizing as a natural consequence of moving to a smaller legal market.

When he saw that Miles & Stockbridge was looking for a tax specialist who could support its public finance group and do transactional work, however, he said he jumped at the chance.

"It feels like the perfect fit," he said.

He was also drawn to Miles & Stockbridge for its reputation in Baltimore.
"Growing up in Baltimore, if you're in the law, you know Miles & Stockbridge," he said. "Being back in Baltimore and being a principal at this firm is a career milestone for me."

Looking ahead, he said, he looks forward to working with his new colleagues and keeping his eye on emerging changes to the tax code proposed by the Biden administration.

Fellerman graduated from the University of Baltimore School of Law and has a masters of laws from New York University. He officially started at Miles & Stockbridge on June 14.

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