

## Miles & Stockbridge Hires Corporate Finance Atty In VA

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*Law360 (August 12, 2022, 4:19 PM EDT)* -- Mid-Atlantic firm Miles & Stockbridge PC announced that it has hired a former McGuireWoods LLP attorney with experience in commercial borrowing and lending as a principal in its Richmond, Virginia, office.

John Badman IV joined Miles & Stockbridge's corporate and securities practice group at the start of August after a little over a year at McGuireWoods. He told Law360 on Friday that he chose to join Miles & Stockbridge because of its plan to grow its transactional practice in the Richmond community along with the firm's reputation and culture.



John Badman IV

"Miles & Stockbridge has a great reputation in the legal community for delivering strong results for its clients and doing sophisticated work, including in the corporate areas in which I practice," he said. "Additionally, there was excitement regarding the plan to grow transactional practices in the Richmond market, and the collegiality and strong firm culture were the ultimate draws once I had a chance to meet my now-current colleagues."

Badman, who has been practicing in Richmond since graduating from Washington and Lee University School of Law, said that the Virginia capital has a growing corporate law scene, especially in the areas of business and banking.

His practice at Miles & Stockbridge will focus on representing portfolio companies in acquisition financing and refinancing. Badman added that he expects to work with lender and borrower clients in debt finance transactions.

In a statement, corporate and securities practice group leader Scott Wilson said, "[Badman] brings deep corporate finance experience and will be a great resource for our clients. We hope that John is the first of many transactional lawyers we hire in the Richmond market as we continue to grow and expand our transactional practices."

Along with his work as an attorney, Badman works with the Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project's screening committee, an organization that reviews cases of prisoners who maintain their innocence.

"Many of the issues faced regard what were formerly used practices that have now proven inaccurate or certain witness testimony that is now recanting their testimony and other instances where MAIP can use

its resources to exonerate a prisoner maintaining his or her innocence," Badman said. "It is an incredibly rewarding service that MAIP provides because it provides the ability to undo a wrong that is keeping a prisoner in jail improperly."

Badman also serves on the Richmond Bar Association membership committee, and he formerly was chair of the organization's pro bono committee.

Earlier this year, Miles & Stockbridge made a number of hires in its home state of Maryland, most recently the July addition of former National Labor Relations Board attorney Rebecca A. Leaf as counsel in Baltimore. The firm also hired real estate principal Sarah D. Cline in Frederick and healthcare principal Celia Van Lenten in Baltimore.

Miles & Stockbridge currently has around 230 attorneys located throughout seven offices in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C.

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