

Veteran DOJ Prosecutor Lands at Zuckerman Spaeder

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What You Need to Know

- **Daniel Braun** joined Zuckerman Spaeder Washington office Tuesday, August 17.
- He had joined Freshfields in 2016 after 15 years at the DOJ.
- At the DOJ, Braun conducted global investigations into financial market manipulations.

London-headquartered Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer has lost one of its high-profile litigators in D.C. to Washington-based boutique Zuckerman Spaeder.

Daniel Braun on Tuesday joined Zuckerman's Washington, D.C., office, where he plans to represent both corporate clients and individuals in high-stakes complex litigation.

"I'm interested in taking on challenging and complex litigation, no matter where it comes from," Braun said in an interview with the National Law Journal. "Zuckerman

Spaeder is a firm that has always punched above its weight and made a name for itself in very complex litigation. I'm excited to be part of that."

Part of what attracted Braun to Zuckerman Spaeder was the firm's size and specialism, he said. A complex litigation boutique, Zuckerman Spaeder has around 76 lawyers in four offices—New York, Baltimore, Tampa and Washington.

"Notwithstanding their size, they're nimble and eager to take on new challenges where they feel that they can bring their expertise and experience to bear helping clients solve problems—whether those clients are big companies, or an executive who finds herself facing one of the greatest challenges they've encountered," he said.



Daniel Braun partner with Zuckerman Spaeder.

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Braun joined Freshfields' Washington office in April 2016 after 15 years as a prosecutor at the Department of Justice and as an assistant U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York. He joined the Magic Circle firm after serving as deputy chief of litigation in the fraud section of the DOJ's Criminal Division.

At Freshfields, Braun was a partner in the white-collar investigations team, helping clients with allegations of bribery and corruption, money laundering matters, sanctions violations, and market misconduct.

At Zuckerman Spaeder, Braun will continue to focus on white-collar crime investigations and defense, but hopes to run the gamut of litigation.

At the DOJ, Braun ran investigations involving London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) and foreign exchange rate manipulations, as well as examining the conduct of bankers at some of the world's largest financial institutions. In the LIBOR investigations, Braun coordinated with authorities around the world.

Braun was recruited to Zuckerman Spaeder by Dwight Bostwick and Aitan Goelman, firm partners whom Braun had known for decades.

Braun had worked with Bostwick early in his career at Comey Boyd & Luskin, a Washington boutique co-founded by Robert Luskin, who is now a partner at Paul Hastings. Goelman, a Yale Law School classmate of Braun's, is a former director of the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission's enforcement division.

"I've known Dan for over 30 years," Goelman said in a statement. "He is well-respected among everyone who has worked with him, including both current and former government officials."

Earlier this year, [a Zuckerman Spaeder partner was confirmed](#) to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit with a 53-40 vote on June 24. Candace Jackson-Akiwumi, a federal public defender for 15 years, was a partner at Zuckerman Spaeder before being tapped by the Biden administration.