

Schwartz Sladkus Expands to South Florida With 3-Firm Merger

The Manhattan-based midsize firm merged with an appellate boutique and a family law firm in Boca Raton, adding 11 attorneys and establishing a beachhead to grow real estate and transactional practices in the region.

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What You Need to Know

- Schwartz Sladkus Reich Greenberg Atlas has merged with two Boca Raton boutiques, Bresky Law and Johnson, Ritchey & Feldman.
- The merger adds four partners and a total of 11 attorneys to the midsize New York firm.

- In addition to adding appellate, trusts and estates, and real estate capabilities, the merger creates an opportunity to capture transactional work in the region, said founding partner Steven Sladkus.

Manhattan law firm Schwartz Sladkus Reich Greenberg Atlas is the latest New York law firm to follow its clients to South Florida, announcing a merger Friday with Boca Raton boutiques Bresky Law and Johnson Ritchey & Feldman that brings its head count to 63 attorneys.

Bresky Law is an appellate boutique led by partner Robin Bresky that also does trusts and estates, real estate, and corporate transactional work. Johnson Ritchey & Feldman specializes in matrimonial and family law, with partners Caroline Johnson, Christen Ritchey and Joel Feldman practicing complex litigation, family mediation, collaborative law, and associated corporate and trusts and estates work.

Each name partner has joined Schwartz Sladkus as a partner, and altogether 11 new attorneys have joined the New York firm.

In an interview, Schwartz Sladkus founding partner Jeffrey Schwartz said the firm had been looking for merger candidates in South Florida since last summer, as clients continued to relocate and increase their business presence in the region.

“We hadn’t intended on [two] firms; we wanted one firm to give us a little base to grow from,” Schwartz said. “We got introduced to both Robin and Christen and we really hit it off with both of them.” After five months of talks, including a ski trip that Bresky and Ritchey took with Schwartz Sladkus lawyers, Schwartz said he decided to bring both firms into the fold because of the relationship he developed with the Boca Raton lawyers.

Schwartz Sladkus also looks to build out transactional and real estate practices in South Florida with lateral hiring in the near future, and Schwartz said several of the firm’s New York attorneys have voiced their interest in relocating to the Sunshine State.

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