

Porter Wright Expands Immigration Practice Leadership

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Law360 (January 13, 2022, 3:09 PM EST) -- Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP has promoted an immigration attorney with 18 years of experience in the public and private sectors to co-lead its immigration group, according to a recent firm announcement.

Ohio-based Laura M. Jurcevich's elevation to practice group co-chair took effect on Jan. 1, two-and-a-half years after she joined the firm. She will lead the team alongside Rob Cohen, who has chaired the group for over 15 years.

Jurcevich told Law360 on Wednesday that she doesn't see her promotion as setting off major changes to the group. She and Cohen have been "working well" together since she joined the firm, and Jurcevich envisages the co-chairship as a collaboration, she said.

"I want to continue to make sure that our team is able to provide the service and the details and continue to be up-to-date on all of those changes [in immigration policy] and be here for each other," Jurcevich said.

"I look forward to sharing the reins with Laura and leading the dedicated team, together," Cohen said in a statement.

A corporate immigration specialist, Jurcevich advises businesses on immigration matters, such as employment sponsorship and compliance. Her clients include information technology firms, colleges and universities and healthcare systems, according to Porter Wright.

That work will continue, but Jurcevich said her workday has become a "bit more administrative" since her promotion. She's thinking about how to keep her team well-resourced and how to keep up client communications, she said.

Jurcevich started at Porter Wright in June 2019, coming off a more-than-11-year run at Perez & Morris LLC. Before working at Perez & Morris, she was at the Legal Aid Society of Columbus.

She continues to volunteer with Legal Aid, supervising attorney volunteers without a background in immigration law for the organization's pro bono naturalization clinics.



Laura Jurcevich

"It's very rewarding to help ... and to give that opportunity for other attorneys to help individual applicants become citizens," she said.

Jurcevich received her bachelor's degree from Ohio State University and her law degree from Ohio State University's Moritz College of Law.

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