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Porter Wright Adds Vicente Sederberg Litigator In DC

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Law360 (June 13, 2023, 2:46 PM EDT) -- Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP has hired a former Vicente Sederberg LLP attorney to join the firm as a partner in its Washington, D.C., office.

Shane Pennington joins Porter Wright after spending over two years with his former firm and will continue his government and regulatory affairs-focused appellate practice, the firm said. He litigates cases challenging federal and state agencies and represents a range of clients, the firm said in a Monday news release.

Pennington's work focuses on representing clients before a range of appellate circuits, including the Fifth, First and Ninth.

He works on issues surrounding a number of federal laws, the firm said, including the Administrative Procedures Act, the Controlled Substances Act and the Federal Food Drug and Cosmetic Act. Some of his clients include corporations, scientists and industry coalitions, which he represents before the Drug Enforcement Administration, the U.S. Department of Justice and other agencies, the firm said.

A University of Texas School of Law graduate, Pennington held several clerkships after earning his degree, including for Judge Royce C. Lamberth in the U.S. District Court of the District of Columbia and Judge Jennifer Walker Elrod on the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Before joining Baker Botts LLP's Houston-based appellate and Supreme Court practice in 2013, Pennington worked as a clerk on the D.C. Court of Appeals for Judge David B. Sentelle.

Pennington joined Yetter Coleman LLP as a senior counsel in 2017 and Vicente Sederberg LLP in 2021, according to his LinkedIn profile.

In an interview with Law360 Pulse on Tuesday, Pennington said he wanted to join Porter Wright because of the firm's platform and attorney bench. The expansion of its D.C. office and federal regulatory practice also motivated Pennington to move his practice, he said.

His first day with the firm was June 5.

Pennington first got interested in litigation while he was a legal clerk in Houston, he said. Inspired by a mentor at Baker Botts, Pennington said that exposure propelled him to pursue a similar career path.

"I knew nothing about law, I had no lawyers in my family or anything like that, so I just went to his office one day, I was like, 'Hey, how do I become you when I grow up?' And he told me the steps and I followed them," Pennington said.

Pennington said his time at Baker Botts was spent working with that former mentor and said it was a dream come true for him personally. That and being able to figure out complex regulatory puzzles, were some aspects to his practice and career he most enjoyed, he said.

"You have businesses and organizations that are really trying to accomplish goals that are important to them, but there are generally regulatory barriers in the way, things they can't figure out how to bridge a gap or access the market or whatever it might be," he said. "And what I enjoy is figuring out creative ways to solve those very complex problems."

Holly Kozolwski, partner-in-charge of Porter Wright's D.C. office, said in a statement that the firm was excited to add another high-caliber litigator like Pennington to the team.

"Shane's experience working with clients to develop creative legal strategies and advise on complex regulatory issues will be an incredible asset to our firm, nationwide," Kozolwski said.

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