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Sequor Law Adds ICC FraudNet Atty As New DC Office Head

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[Sequor Law](#) has opened up a new Washington office, and has hired an ICC FraudNet member as its new partner and leader in the nation's capital, the firm announced Thursday.

Tara Plochocki, who focuses her practice on asset recovery and cross-border financial work, is joining Sequor Law as a partner and is the new leader for the firm's second office, in the nation's capital. It's the firm's first law office outside of Miami.



Tara Plochocki

In an interview with Law360 Pulse on Friday, Plochocki said she'd gotten to know Sequor Law founding shareholder Edward Davis Jr. and shareholder Arnoldo Lacayo through the trio's work with the ICC FraudNet. Davis has worked with the ICC FraudNet since 2004 and Lacayo joined that group in 2021, according to their [LinkedIn](#) profiles.

Plochocki said the group began mulling the idea of launching a new practice in the district through their relationship at ICC FraudNet.

"We thought, 'Wouldn't it be amazing for Sequor to expand and go national and be able to signal to the world that we are a fully national U.S. firm, we're not just a Miami-based firm?'" Plochocki said.

Plochocki earned her law degree from the University of Michigan Law School, and started her law career with [Hogan & Hartson](#), the precursor firm to Hogan Lovells, which was born out of the marriage of that firm and Lovells in 2010.

Plochocki moved to [Shipman & Goodwin LLP](#) in 2010, was there for about three years, then moved to [King & Wood Mallesons](#) in Beijing and Shanghai, China, according to her LinkedIn profile.

Before making the jump to Sequor Law, Plochocki was a [Lewis Baach Kaufmann Middlemiss PLLC](#) partner for over a decade. She first joined the ICC FraudNet in 2022.

For Plochocki, the opportunity for her to serve in a leadership role meant she has "incredible luck," she jokingly told Law360 Pulse.

"It's an honor that I'm not sure I deserve, but I am certainly going to do my level best to try to raise the profile of Sequor and learn from my colleagues and continue to do absolutely top-notch work," Plochocki said.

In an interview with Law360 Pulse on Friday, Davis said that the firm launched their D.C. office because Sequor Law wanted to continue building its practice with attorneys like Plochocki.

"The geography of the office is not as important as the people to us, and so we're starting with Tara, but it is complementary to our corruption-based work, where we represent victims of corruption governments and state-owned enterprises and we also do quite a bit of ... arbitral award enforcement, so we are in Washington, D.C., for that on a fairly regular basis," Davis said.

Davis said the duo first met through their work at ICC FraudNet, but he'd known one of the named partners of Plochocki's former firm, Eric Lewis, in law school.

"It's a great firm and you can tell by how amazing Tara is," Davis said. "At the end of the day, we started talking about our interests, they really align, the type of work we want to do, the type of work we're currently doing, and it just felt for us, like it was the perfect match and having Tara head our office there it's a no-brainer for us."

Davis said the firm's D.C. shop will grow organically, noting that Sequor Law was setting up shop in the district to do work that "really is in Washington, because it has to be."

"It's really intended to be an office that is complementary to our boutique practice, period," he said. "We are not a full service firm and never will be. We are a very focused boutique and we do cross-border insolvency, asset recovery and represent victims of fraud."

Leyza B. Florin, a firm shareholder, said in a statement that she was looking forward to Plochocki's work with the firm.

"Tara's expertise and reputation in the field of asset recovery are unparalleled," Florin said. "Her addition to our team strengthens our firm and positions us for sustained growth and success."

--Editing by Alyssa Miller.

Correction: An earlier version of this article misstated the name of the law firm King & Wood Mallesons. The error has been corrected.

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