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Jeffer Grabs Antitrust Partner from Morgan Lewis in S.F.



Patrick Ryan

Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mitchell has nabbed a commercial litigator from Morgan, Lewis & Bockius' San Francisco office to chair its antitrust group, the firm announced Monday.

Patrick Ryan joined Jeffer's S.F.

office this week.

"I'm so excited because Patrick was beating me up on the other side," said Martin Orlick, a partner at JMBM who focuses on real estate transactions and litigation and knew Ryan from coming up against him in cases. "This is a great opportunity to work with a very talented lawyer who we have known mostly as an adversary."

Ryan said he had been impressed by the Jeffer lawyers he's encountered. But what made now the right moment to join them, Ryan said, was meeting and cultivating a rapport with the firm's founding member and managing partner, Bruce Jeffer. "We just really hit it off," he said.

He added that Jeffer's smaller size — it has about 125 lawyers — reduces the conflicts of interest he may face. He will also have increased flexibility in structuring fee arrangements such

that "client and counsel can share risks and rewards."

In addition to antitrust work, Ryan handles complex commercial litigation, class action, intellectual property and other matters. He has advised a broad range of clients, from major electronic manufacturers to retailers to health care companies. When he moved to Morgan Lewis from Winston & Strawn in 2011, *The Recorder* reported that his two biggest clients at that time, Cisco Systems Inc. and semiconductor equipment maker ASML, would join him. Ryan said he couldn't yet comment on clients that would be moving with him to his new firm.

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