

## Bracewell Brings Litigator Back Into The Fold In NY Office

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*Law360 (September 5, 2019, 3:34 PM EDT)* -- Bracewell LLP announced Thursday it's bringing back experienced litigator David Shargel to be a partner in its trial and white collar team in New York, marking the attorney's return to the firm after a year at Westerman Ball Ederer Miller Zucker & Sharfstein LLP.

Shargel had been with Bracewell for 11 years before jumping in 2018 to Westerman Ball, a boutique law firm in Long Island.

Shargel, who rejoined the firm Tuesday, told Law360 he came back to Bracewell in part because of the great colleagues he would be working with and in part because of the "terrific platform" Bracewell offered.



David Shargel

"My practice has always been across the litigation-white collar line, so to speak," Shargel said. "So having a deeper white collar and regulatory bench is definitely something that complements the work I've done and intend to do in the future."

He added that Bracewell's wide variety of practice areas will also help him in his work, as he too has a varied practice and experience adapting to the different industries and challenges presented by certain cases.

Shargel has experience in commercial litigation, white collar defense, regulatory and compliance cases, and other matters. He's represented both individuals and companies in the real estate, financial, construction, energy, retail and pharmaceutical industries, according to the firm.

"We're pleased to welcome Dave back to the firm," Bracewell Managing Partner Gregory M. Bopp said in a statement. "Dave is an outstanding lawyer and will provide additional strength to our market-leading litigation and white collar practices in New York."

Shargel's move finds him joining a team that was named one of Law360's White Collar Practice Groups of the Year in February. He's the latest addition to the group, which has seen a half-dozen other lateral partner hires recently, the firm said in a statement.

Before his first stint at Bracewell, Shargel was a law clerk for U.S. District Judge Richard M. Berman in the Southern District of New York, according to the statement. Before that, he received his bachelor's

degree from Kenyon College and studied law at Brooklyn Law School, where he graduated in 2005.

"We look forward to working with Dave again," Daniel S. Connolly, managing partner of Bracewell's New York office, said in a statement. "In addition to being an excellent lawyer, Dave is a strong cultural fit, having spent most of his legal career with Bracewell."

Looking ahead, Shargel told Law360 he's very optimistic about his future at Bracewell, saying he's excited about "hitting the ground running" and expanding the work the firm's litigation group has been doing.

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