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Fast-Growing CFMB Launches Private Client Practice

Seven Attorneys Join From Hamilton Thies & Lorch

CHICAGO, December 17, 2021 – Beginning January 1, 2022, [Croke Fairchild Morgan & Beres LLC](#) is launching a Private Client practice, providing comprehensive and sophisticated trust and estate legal services and tax planning to clients in the face of the ever changing and increasingly complex federal and state tax laws.

Seven attorneys, formerly of Hamilton Thies & Lorch LLP, are joining CFMB and will serve individuals, institutions, families, and business owners, helping them preserve and enhance their financial security, avoid unnecessary taxes, and plan for the future.

“We have had the great pleasure of getting to know these talented individuals over the last several months of discussions and are thrilled with the opportunity to partner with them,” said firm co-founder Drew Beres. “We are impressed with their character, their acumen and their dedication to their clients, and we share the same core values,” Beres added.

As entrepreneurs focused on serving entrepreneurs, CFMB attorneys already advise clients regarding family enterprises and family offices. In merging this new group into the firm’s already robust team of trusted business advisors, CFMB will expand its capabilities on family investment structures and unique fiduciary relationships that have become increasingly important to today’s leading investors, owners, and executives. The firm will also now offer a full range of estate planning, charitable planning, business succession planning, and trust and estate administration and litigation services to all clients as part of their full-service partnership.

“This is a great opportunity for my colleagues and me to continue to serve our valued clients while also introducing them to new resources and opportunities,” said [incoming] partner Ken Lorch.

With these new attorneys, plus several additional lateral hires, CFMB’s attorney headcount is expected to reach 50 in January, a sharp increase from the firm that launched in December 2019.

“We are very excited to enhance our growing Family Enterprise practice with this offering as so many of our clients have noted the growing necessity of these types of services,” added firm co-founder and management committee member [Jessica Fairchild](#). “We know that clients who face the accelerating expectations and complexity of success of today’s marketplace are looking for trusted advisors. We are proud to bring our new colleagues into that circle and to offer their deep experience in estate planning to our accomplished and discerning clientele.”

The addition of the Private Client practice group follows two years of extraordinary growth for the Chicago-based firm, which was formed by alumni of global law firms, including Kirkland & Ellis, Sidley Austin and Schiff Hardin, in December 2019. From an original group of ten lawyers, the firm has quadrupled in size, with practice areas including M&A, venture capital, fund formation and corporate work as well as litigation, labor employment and government affairs.

The firm’s most recent hires are partners [Brantley Hawkins](#), a New York-based alum of Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, who focuses his practice on private funds and investment management, and Julie Rhoades, a tax attorney who advises clients in connection with the formation and operation of U.S. and non-U.S. private equity funds.