

Mayer Brown Recruits Akin Gump Public Policy Pro In LA

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Law360 (May 16, 2024, 2:04 PM EDT) -- Mayer Brown LLP has brought back a public policy and regulatory expert from Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, where he spent over a decade leading its California public law and policy practice.

Dario J. Frommer rejoined Mayer Brown as a partner in its Los Angeles office, the firm said Wednesday. Prior to his tenure at Akin Gump, Frommer served for six years in the California State Assembly, including two as majority leader.

In an interview with Law360 Pulse Thursday, Frommer said he was drawn back to Mayer Brown for its focused California practice in government regulatory and legislative affairs, which aligns perfectly with the main focus of his practice.



Dario J. Frommer

"So it's an opportunity for me to rejoin a group of practitioners who are doing the same thing that I do, and hopefully, that will help my clients and my business, as well as help Mayer Brown, as they have made a commitment to growing the regulatory and policy practice at the firm over the long term," he said.

Frommer has joined Mayer Brown's public policy, regulatory and government affairs practice, which has nearly 80 lawyers specializing in this area. In addition to working with lawyer teams in California, Frommer will also closely collaborate with colleagues in Washington, D.C., and nationally on policy and regulatory matters.

"With the volatility in national politics, states are beginning to assert themselves into national policy debates, and they are attempting to drive national policy," Frommer said. He cited California as a prime example, noting that the state's proactive initiatives in areas such as greenhouse gas emissions, artificial intelligence, recycling plastics, and the sharing economy have impacted other states and attracted attention from the federal government.

"I think it's a very exciting time for my practice and for practitioners in this field because there's so much happening on many different fronts," Frommer added. "So, this is a good time to be here, and I'm excited to be doing it here at Mayer Brown,"

Frommer represents clients in legislative, regulatory and enforcement matters across various areas, including energy, climate change, healthcare, tribal gambling, tax policy, infrastructure, government procurement and the share economy, according to Mayer Brown. He is also experienced in drafting

legislation and ballot initiatives.

In a statement, Phil Recht, co-leader of Mayer Brown's public policy, regulatory and government affairs practice, expressed confidence in Frommer's ability to help clients tackle evolving regulatory challenges.

"Dario is a renowned government strategist and respected lawyer whose deep understanding of the intricacies of policymaking from his public and private sector experience will help our clients navigate the challenges of increasingly complex infrastructure, energy and environmental policy issues at the federal, state and local levels," Recht said.

Frommer received his law degree from the University of California, Davis School of Law, and a bachelor's degree from Colgate University.

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