

## Cooley Brings Back Life Sciences Pro From Hogan Lovells

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A veteran life sciences-focused corporate attorney with specialties in public offerings and mergers has rejoined Cooley LLP as a partner in its Palo Alto, California, office after a stint at Hogan Lovells, the firm announced Thursday.

Laura Berezin brings back to Cooley her extensive experience as a corporate lawyer with a deep knowledge of the life sciences industry, according to the firm.

"Laura's deep knowledge of the life sciences industry is widely known throughout the sector," Barbara Kosacz, head of Cooley's global life sciences group, said in a statement. "We're excited to welcome her back to Cooley. She will be a powerful asset to our life sciences client base."



Laura Berezin

Berezin represents public and private companies, investment banks, venture capital funds and financial institutions operating in the life sciences industry, and also has extensive experience offering advice to publicly traded life sciences companies and their boards of directors, according to Cooley.

Berezin's practice involves representing companies in matters involving corporate securities, mergers and acquisitions, and complex corporate finance transactions, according to Cooley. She has experience advising companies in a variety of capital market transactions, including public offerings, private placements and cross-border deals, according to the firm.

Berezin received her law degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School and her undergraduate degree from the University of California, Berkeley.

She started at Cooley in 1991 as a summer associate, joined the firm's business department in 1992 and was elected to partnership 2000, before joining Hogan Lovells in early 2011.

On Thursday, Berezin hailed her return to her first firm, saying in a statement that the firm is the best fit for her practice.

"Cooley is hands down the best law firm for life sciences transactions in the industry," Berezin said. "I'm looking forward to coming back to my roots and getting to work with the team across the U.S. and in Europe. The timing feels perfect, and I'm excited for our future successes."

At Cooley, Berezin is joining a full-service law firm with 900 lawyers that handle transformative deals, complex intellectual property and regulatory matters and high-stakes litigation from 12 offices in the U.S., China and Europe.

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