

Stradley Ronon Welcomes Back Veteran Insurance Partner From Duane Morris

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What You Need to Know

- Steven Davis spent time as chief counsel of the Pennsylvania Insurance Department in the early 2000s.
- Davis had been with Stradley Ronon for nearly two decades when he lateraled to Duane Morris.
- The addition of Davis in the insurance group follows a five-member team who joined the practice from Mintz Levin earlier this year.



Steven Davis of Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young. Courtesy photo

Insurance expert Steve Davis has returned to Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, where he previously was a partner for nearly 18 years, after a brief stint at Duane Morris.

Davis, who also served as chief counsel of the Pennsylvania Insurance Department in the early 2000s, will focus on strengthening the firm's leading insurance and reinsurance practice, which also added five lawyers earlier this year from Mintz Levin Cohn Ferris Glovsky & Popeo.

"Steve is a go-to resource for all types of insurers and brokers, as well as businesses with insurance program issues," Stradley Ronon's managing partner, Michael O'Mara, said in a statement. "Our growing client base will continue to benefit from his regulatory relationships and insights."

Davis said the firm's continued strategic growth and investment in insurance industry service drew him back after his hiatus.

"I remained close with many of my colleagues at Stradley, and I missed them, and during my absence the firm showed a clear, continued interest in building on the insurance sector services we had built together over many years," Davis said in written remarks. "There is real momentum at the firm. I could sense the collaborative drive behind its growth. My decision to leave the firm in the first place was largely to explore new opportunities, client bases and relationships with a known and respected talent base."

In his practice, which he's built up over more than three decades, Davis advises and represents insurers, reinsurers and intermediaries on transactional and regulatory matters. His experience includes servicing startups, as well as handling work related to mergers and acquisitions, affiliations, investments, and intercompany matters, according to a Stradley Ronon news release.

Davis, the firm said, also provides coverage-dispute counseling and related litigation, mediation and arbitration services to property-casualty, directors and officers, errors and omissions, life, health and long-term care insurers and reinsurers.

Davis was a partner at Stradley Ronon from 2006 to 2023. He also recently served on Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro's transition team's finance and insurance subcommittee. He started with Duane Morris in late 2023 after what he said were "extensive discussions with a number of firms that had expressed interest in our work.

"I am grateful for my experience there," he said. "However ... it seemed like an excellent time to help build upon the service platform we started here at Stradley with old friends and impressive new additions."

Davis highlighted the fact that Stradley Ronon is in the process of building out its platform to better serve the broader financial services industry, “and understands the importance of how my skill sets and relationships and the insurance practice as a whole fit into serving this sophisticated client base.”

“I am excited to know that our insurance industry team will expend resources to stay on top of industry developments and emerging shifts to help our clients stay ahead of the curve, particularly in areas such as AI and data privacy, state-level enforcement, climate-related risks and regulatory changes,” Davis said.

A Duane Morris spokesperson said, "We wish him well," in response to Davis' move.

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