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## Former Associate AG joins Kirkland

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Stephens, 69, joins Kirkland & Ellis's Washington, D.C. office from defense contractor Raytheon Co., where he held the positions of senior vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary. He retired in June after 13 years with Raytheon, but continued to serve as a senior adviser to the company until the end of 2015, Kirkland & Ellis said in a press release on Jan. 21.

During Stephens's tenure at Raytheon, the company initiated a review of international operations in relation to compliance with the FCPA. In a 2011 securities filing, Raytheon said it had informed the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and the Justice Department of its internal probe. In a 2013 10-K filing, the

company announced that after sharing its findings, "The SEC staff and the DoJ have completed their review of this matter without recommending enforcement action."

Stephens has moved in and out of government service throughout his career. He was Associate Attorney General under President George W. Bush in 2001 and 2002; U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia from 1988 until 1993; and Deputy Counsel to President Ronald Reagan from 1986 until 1988, among other government roles.

Stephens was also general counsel at U.S. conglomerate Honeywell International, Inc. and a partner at Pillsbury Madison & Sutro LLP—a predecessor to Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP.

Kirkland & Ellis chair Jeffrey C. Hammes said in a statement: "His experience handling the most complex and wide-ranging litigation, regulatory and corporate governance issues will be a tremendous asset to our Firm and to our clients facing complicated litigation and increasing compliance and regulatory obligations."

Kirkland & Ellis and Raytheon did not offer any comment. Kirkland & Ellis is a GIR 30 firm.