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The lateral moves that lit up the market in 2017.

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Law firms recharged their practices with a range of high-wattage partner moves in 2017. It wasn't shocking that many of the new hires came from the outgoing Obama administration. But plugged-in practitioners of all kinds were in demand, from Silicon Valley dealmakers to law firm leaders to white-collar litigators.

ZACHARY BREZ AND ASHEESH GOEL

MOVED TO: KIRKLAND & ELLIS
FROM: ROPES & GRAY

Kirkland & Ellis raided Ropes & Gray for a five-partner investigations and government enforcement group in Asia, the United Kingdom and United States.

The team includes Asheesh Goel (right), who left Kirkland in 2008 to open Ropes & Gray's office in Chicago, where he was the firm's local managing partner and co-chair of its global anti-corruption and international risk practice.

Other lawyers leaving Ropes & Gray for Kirkland include New York-based securities and enforcement co-head Zachary Brez (left) and government enforcement partners Kim Nemirow in Chicago, Cori Lable in Hong Kong and Marcus Thompson in London.

