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Ex-Prosecutor To Lead Meland Budwick Health Law Practice

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A former federal prosecutor suing [U.S. Department of Justice](#) officials over his termination from the DOJ last year will lead Miami-based law firm [Meland Budwick PA's](#) new health law practice, the firm announced.

Under the leadership of former Assistant U.S. Attorney Will Rosenzweig, Meland Budwick's health law practice will represent healthcare providers, medical groups and whistleblowers in government investigations, False Claims Act litigation and compliance matters, Meland Budwick said in an announcement Tuesday.

Speaking with Law360 on Wednesday, Rosenzweig said he sees the new practice as a way to combine prosecutorial expertise he gained during his time at the DOJ with Meland Budwick's strengths in financial fraud work and trade secret and asset recovery matters.

"Our firm has cultivated a broad range of experience in the sector so that clients can feel comfortable that they have an attorney who can hop on a matter immediately and help them through the life cycle of issues that might confront someone in the healthcare space," Rosenzweig said.

Rosenzweig joined Meland Budwick in January after the DOJ terminated him from his post in the [U.S. Attorney's Office](#) in Miami last year. In an [August suit](#), Rosenzweig alleged the DOJ fired him for no other reason than a 6-year-old defunct blog in which Rosenzweig, who was in private practice at the time, criticized President Donald Trump.

During his five-year tenure as a prosecutor, Rosenzweig was a member of the DOJ's healthcare strike force for South Florida and focused primarily on healthcare fraud and money laundering cases.



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Rosenzweig told Law360 he aims to incorporate that experience in leading Meland Budwick's new health law practice, which will handle government enforcement, criminal defense and regulatory matters.

Specifically, the practice will represent healthcare clients facing government scrutiny under the Anti-Kickback Statute and Stark Law and investigations from the DOJ, [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#) and state Medicaid fraud control units, the firm said in its Tuesday announcement.

The practice will also represent individuals pursuing whistleblower fraud claims and help healthcare industry clients with internal investigations and compliance audits, according to the firm.

"Having sat on the government's side of these investigations, I know firsthand what draws scrutiny and what it takes to respond effectively," Rosenzweig said in the firm's announcement on the practice. "That perspective is what we bring to every client, whether we're defending a provider or representing a whistleblower coming forward with evidence of fraud."

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