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John Amaya, a former senior official in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), has joined Berliner Corcoran & Rowe, LLP as a partner in the firm's Civil & Criminal Litigation, Government & Regulatory, and International Law practice groups.

Appointed by President Barack Obama, Mr. Amaya served within DHS as the Deputy Chief of Staff for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). There, he served on the ICE Director's executive leadership team managing a broad portfolio of responsibility regarding operations and policy focusing on immigration enforcement, preventing terrorism, and combating the illegal movement of people and trade. Prior to ICE, Mr. Amaya served as Counselor to the Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) where he worked on many complex matters including the administration of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program and ensuring a fair process for unaccompanied children seeking asylum, and the national security response to risks associated with the EB-5 immigrant investor program.

Prior to joining the Administration, Mr. Amaya as Senior Counsel to then-Chairman of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, Senator Patrick Leahy (VT), conducting oversight and advising on civil and criminal justice, immigration and homeland security, foreign sovereign immunity, foreign corruption, sanctions, nominations, and federal courts. In 2006, he began his legal career as a trial attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) following a judicial clerkship in Billings, Montana. At DOJ, Mr. Amaya represented the United States in federal courts across the country as a litigator in both district courts and courts of appeal.

Mr. Amaya's Washington, DC practice will focus on representing corporations, individuals and foreign governments in connection with government investigations and enforcement actions, internal investigations, crisis management and Congressional matters. He will bring an unparalleled understanding of immigration and customs related investigations and enforcement matters. As such, he will be well positioned to provide strategic counseling around worksite enforcement, I-9 audits, inspections, civil fines and potential criminal prosecution. Mr. Amaya will also bring a level of sophistication around binational anti-corruption counseling through detection, prevention and defense of potential violations. He will also add tremendous value to clients who need assistance navigating congressional investigations, hearings and related legislative action.

Mr. Amaya is a native Spanish speaker and native of California. He earned both his Bachelor of Arts and Juris Doctor from the University of Washington where he served on the Board of Regents. Mr. Amaya also earned his Master of Laws degree in International Business and Economic Law from the Georgetown University Law Center.