Former GC To Texas Gov. Rejoins Bracewell's Houston Office

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Law360 (December 8, 2021, 3:53 PM EST) -- The former general counsel for Texas Gov. Greg Abbott has returned to Bracewell LLP, the firm he left when he joined the governor's office, according to an announcement Tuesday.

Jeffrey L. Oldham is once again a partner in Bracewell's Houston office, where he works with the firm's appellate practice, Bracewell said in a statement.

He previously spent over a decade with the firm, including as a partner in its appellate practice, before joining the governor's office in 2018 as general counsel, according to his LinkedIn profile.

Jeffrey L. Oldham

Abbott's office announced Oldham's replacement in November, saying that the attorney hoped to return to private practice but declining at the time to respond to questions about where Oldham would end up.

"Jeff Oldham faithfully served the people of Texas with integrity throughout his time as general counsel, and I thank him for his service to the state of Texas over the past several years," Abbott said in the statement announcing Oldham's resignation.

Oldham has argued cases in front of the U.S. Supreme Court, the Texas Supreme Court, the Fifth and Federal Circuits and in state appellate courts, according to his firm profile. He also served as a law clerk to U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist and to Fourth Circuit Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson III, his profile said.

Oldham is a graduate of Northwestern University's Pritzker School of Law.

"I'm thrilled to welcome Jeff back to the firm," Bracewell managing partner Gregory Bopp said. "Jeff is an extraordinary appellate lawyer with a stellar reputation and long track record of success in state and federal appellate matters."

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