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## Gray Reed Welcomes Former SEC Trial Lawyer as White-Collar Defense Practice Group Leader

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Gray Reed is thrilled to announce the addition of Partner [Chris Davis](#) to the firm's Dallas office. A licensed CPA and former trial lawyer for the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Davis will serve as Gray Reed's [White-Collar Defense Practice](#) Group Leader.

"As a former government trial lawyer within the SEC, Chris brings unique experience and an insider's perspective to our firm and our clients," Gray Reed Managing Partner [Cary Gray](#) says. "We are excited to have him on board and to watch the growth of our white-collar defense practice under his leadership."

Before joining Gray Reed, Davis served as a Senior Trial Counsel in the SEC's Fort Worth Regional Office, which covers Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Kansas. In that role, he investigated and prosecuted many cases involving a variety of high-profile and first-impression matters, ranging from cryptocurrency-based securities and Ponzi schemes to accounting fraud and insider trading.

Prior to joining the SEC in 2010, Davis worked in the trial department of a large international law firm. He has deep experience as lead counsel in civil and commercial litigation matters involving a broad range of issues, including claims arising from his white-collar practice, intellectual property, contract disputes, professional malpractice, plus many more. He also spent seven years in the private sector before entering law school, primarily in management consulting for a Big Four accounting and consulting firm.

Davis earned his undergraduate degree from Baylor University and his J.D., with honors, from The University of Texas School of Law.

### About Gray Reed

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