



Keller/Anderle Adds Veteran Atty With Prolific Trial Skills

Law360 (August 22, 2018, 12:26 PM EDT) -- Keller/Anderle LLP has announced that a prolific trial attorney has joined the firm as a partner and will be putting his courtroom experience to use in commercial litigation, appeals and white collar defense.

Reuben Cahn, who has been the executive director of Federal Defenders in San Diego Inc. for the past 13 years, said he was drawn to Keller/Anderle given that its founders got their start in criminal defense. In a climate in which settlements are increasingly dominant in the commercial litigation space, Keller/Anderle routinely takes its cases to trial — an arena for which he feels he is best suited.

“I consider myself a trial lawyer and those are my best skills, and this is a place that actually tries cases,” Cahn told Law360 following the firm's announcement Aug. 10.

He started his career working on securities litigation and international arbitration, but shifted gears to become an assistant public defense lawyer after finding that his work didn't reflect his mental image of “what a lawyer is supposed to be.” He was a trial attorney at heart, he said, and that wasn't an easy role to fill at big firms in New York.

“At least not early in your career,” he said. “So I did it more or less on a lark, to try cases and get a little experience in the courtroom, and found that I loved the work and became very committed to it.”

Cahn has tried more than 100 cases to a jury verdict, and has gone before the [U.S. Supreme Court](#) twice: [Tapia v. United States](#) in 2011 and [United States v. Sanchez-Gomez](#) earlier this year.

“I don't consider myself an appellate lawyer, but I've done lots of appeals, including

litigating these cases before the Supreme Court,” he said. “It was a great experience to be in front of the Supreme Court — it’s something I think probably everyone who is a lawyer dreams about.”

At the San Diego defender’s office, Cahn managed more than 60 attorneys and 140 employees on a budget of \$26 million. While there, he argued multiple significant appeals, including [United States v. Jared Loughner](#) in the Ninth Circuit last year.

He earned his undergraduate degree at Stanford University and his J.D. at Yale Law School, where he was an editor of the Yale Law Journal.

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