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## Roig Lawyers Gains Int'l Arbitrator And Litigator In Miami

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Law360, New York (February 10, 2016, 9:59 PM ET) -- Florida-based Roig Lawyers has scored a commercial litigator who also has 20 years of experience as an arbitrator in international disputes that typically involve allegations of contract breaches.

Francis "Frank" Sexton, who serves as an arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association and also represents clients in disputes, joined the firm's Miami office as a partner on Jan. 4 after about two years at Levine Kellogg Lehman Schneider & Grossman LLP.

In an interview with Law360, Sexton said that it was a tough decision to leave the "highly respected" Levine Kellogg, but he had been approached by a close friend, **Nelson Bellido**, who has been Roig's managing partner in Miami since June 2014.

"[Bellido] has a fair number of insurance company clients and he is looking to branch out from the type of work Roig is doing for those clients into larger commercial cases for those insurance company clients," Sexton said. "He believes that I've had sufficient experience with larger court cases to help him attract that work and that's attractive to me because, of course, I would get to work on them."

Roig said in a statement that Sexton has more than four decades of experience in complex commercial litigation in state and federal courts, and that his practice has been concentrated primarily on business and partnership disputes, real estate, professional liability, investment fraud, debtor-creditor problems and trademark infringement. Sexton also ran his own firm for 15 years until 2010, he said.

Some of the international dispute cases he said he has participated in include the alleged breach of a distributor agreement for medical equipment sold in Colombia, intellectual property-related claims arising from the alleged breach of an agreement on patent transfers between a Brazilian company and an American company, and securities claims brought against American investment companies by investors in South America.

At Roig, Sexton said he would like to get bigger and better cases that are beyond the firm's typical personal injury protection lawsuits, such as bad faith claim defense cases, premises liability cases on behalf of insurers, and officers' and directors' liability defense claims.

"In other words, things with more damages at risk and more interesting issues," Sexton said.

Roig's managing partner Michael Rosenberg welcomed the firm's new partner in a statement, saying that hiring Sexton is part of the firm's strategic expansion plan throughout the state as well as in Latin America.

"Our goal has always been to bring together talented attorneys who are committed to working collaboratively to provide outstanding value and service to our clients," Rosenberg said. "Frank's international arbitration practice coupled with his extensive international experience will expand Roig Lawyers' global reach."

A graduate of Georgetown University Law Center, Sexton is also a member of the Board of Trustees for the 11th Judicial Circuit Historical Society, according to Roig.

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