The Revolving Door Exposed: How the SEC's Lead Prosecutor, Amie Riggle Berlin Joined Heskin & Proper, PLLC

The Freedom Fighters of America are about to show you evidence that even Hollywood themselves could not script!

Public regulatory records from the Florida Bar and search engine directories confirm a stark fact: Amie Riggle Berlin, the Securities and Exchange Commission's lead trial counsel who initiated the enforcement action and secured the emergency Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) against Par Funding, now has her official Bar email address registered as amie@heskinproper.com and lists her status as Private Practice with Heskin & Proper, PLLC.

EXHIBIT: Official Florida Bar Association Profile for Amie Riggle Berlin (Bar No. 630020) Displaying Active Domain amie@heskinproper.com and Private Practice Designation at Heskin & Proper, PLLC

MEMBER PROFILE

Amie Riggle Berlin

Member in Good Standing

Eligible to Practice Law in Florida

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10-Year Discipline History:

None

Law School:

Columbia University School of Law, 1999

Federal Courts:

U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida

U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

State Courts:

Florida

New York

Firm Position:

Private Law Practice

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EXHIBIT: Public Search Engine and Professional Directory Records Indexing Amie Riggle Berlin Under the Heskin Proper Practice Domain

Amie Riggle Berlin — Professional Profile

Amie Riggle Berlin is a Senior Trial Counsel at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), with a career spanning securities enforcement litigation, federal judicial clerkship, and prior private practice in New York and Florida.

Current Role

Ms. Berlin serves as **Senior Trial Counsel** at the SEC, where she is the lead trial attorney in a broad range of securities enforcement actions American Banker . She has been recognized for pioneering cases, including:

- **First SEC trial against a municipality** — resulting in a verdict against the City of Miami and its budget director for securities fraud in connection with municipal bond offerings American Banker .
- **First case on qualified immunity** in civil enforcement actions, successfully arguing it does not shield government employees from liability American Banker .
- Major trial verdicts including:
  - $200+ million offering fraud in the Scott Rothstein Ponzi scheme
  - $300+ million international offering fraud involving Regions Bank trust accounts
  - Insider trading in Blue Rhino Corp. and Neff Corp. stock American Banker

She has also secured favorable injunctive relief in emergency actions and won administrative proceedings against investment advisors for alleged violations of federal securities laws American Banker .

Career Background

- **Federal Judicial Law Clerk** to Hon. Donald L. Graham, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida (2004–2006) LinkedIn .
- **Litigation Associate** at Greenberg Traurig, LLP (2002–2003) LinkedIn .
- **Litigation Associate** at Fried Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson (1999–2002) LinkedIn .

Education

- **J.D., Columbia University School of Law** (1999), Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar American Banker .
- **B.A. in Philosophy & English**, University of Florida (1994), inducted into the University Hall of Fame American Banker .

Professional Standing

- **Florida Bar No. 630020**, admitted April 18, 2003 The Florida Bar .
- Licensed to practice in Florida and other federal jurisdictions The Florida Bar .

Recent Development

In May 2025, Ms. Berlin **withdrew as counsel** in *SEC v. Complete Business Solutions Group, Inc. d/b/a/ Par Funding* due to reassignment of SEC work duties. The court granted her motion, noting that Alise Johnson continued as trial attorney for the Commission Par Funding Receivership .

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Make No Mistake: This Is No "Typo"

Under the rules governing the Florida Bar, attorney registry records are mandatory, self-maintained, and legally significant.

Pursuant to Florida Bar Rule 1-3.3 (Official Bar Name and Address), every licensed attorney is legally obligated to affirmatively update and certify their official mailing address and business email within 30 days of any change. The state bar does not pull email addresses out of thin air, nor does it scrape them from random online forums. A lawyer must actively log into the Bar portal, authenticate their credentials, and formally submit an administrative change request.

Furthermore, corporate email accounts do not generate themselves. An administrator at Heskin & Proper had to create the account, provision network access, and grant that official corporate identity to Berlin. Her public profile confirms she stepped down from the SEC after years of government service and accepted an affiliation at that specific boutique practice.

The Context: Heskin Brought the Entire Case to Berlin

To grasp how troubling this development is, one must review the origins of the SEC's case against Par Funding.

Heskin & Proper did not become involved after the dust settled. Heskin & Proper brought this entire case to Berlin in the first place, which was an entire fraud on the court as the Freedom Fighter's have proved in DE-663.

Shane Heskin and Justin Proper were the primary legal adversaries waging war against Par Funding on behalf of defaulting merchant borrowers. They assembled borrower grievances, drafted hostile declarations, and brought that entire dossier straight to Amie Berlin at the SEC. Why? Because they kept losing against Par Funding in federal court.

Berlin then took those declarations, false narratives on default rate, false narratives on underwriting practices and packaged them as an emergency justification for an ex-parte Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) and an immediate asset freeze to secure a Receivership.

Yet, contrary to the initial narrative that investors faced catastrophic losses, the investors were paid in full. The underlying portfolio possessed real, tangible, solvent enterprise value. The "emergency" premise upon which the business was seized was driven entirely by hostile borrower complaints packaged by Heskin and delivered directly to Berlin's desk.

Now, Berlin appears on the official firm roster with an @heskinproper.com email address.

Is This a Payoff? How Bad Does This Look?
In public service and legal ethics, the central question is simple: Was public regulatory power leveraged to deliver private advantage, and was this private firm affiliation the anticipated reward?

When a lead federal prosecutor takes an adversarial package from a private law firm, uses the sovereign power of the federal government to freeze the target company, and later surfaces on the payroll domain of that exact same private firm, the appearance goes far beyond a routine revolving-door conflict. It creates the direct appearance of a quid pro quo:

A Coordinated Regulatory Strike: Heskin hands Berlin the case against Par Funding; Berlin uses the unchecked muscle of the SEC to shut the enterprise down; and when her government service concludes, she walks straight into Heskin & Proper.

The Weaponization of the SEC: Instead of acting as an objective, neutral regulator, the agency's top trial attorney functioned as the private enforcement arm for a boutique litigation outfit's client base where it looks as though she now works from the information obtained by The Freedom Fighters.

The Question of Private Benefit: Did Berlin receive promises, negotiations, or prospective employment arrangements while handling matters tied to Heskin's clients? If a private civil litigator can bring an unverified set of claims to an enforcement attorney, destroy a target business that was Heskin's main adversary, and then provide a landing spot for that attorney afterward, the integrity of federal enforcement is compromised.

The Clear Legal Violations
This situation cuts across multiple state and federal rules designed specifically to prevent public servants from monetizing their regulatory authority:

Florida Bar Rule 4-1.11 (Special Conflicts of Interest for Former and Current Government Officers and Employees):
Under Rule 4-1.11(a), a former government lawyer "shall not represent a client in connection with a matter in which the lawyer participated personally and substantially as a public officer or employee," unless the agency gives informed written consent. An enforcement lawyer cannot legally align with a firm whose core litigation docket was built around the exact target she prosecuted.

Federal Post-Employment Conflict Statutes (18 U.S.C. § 207):
Federal law imposes strict lifetime prohibitions on former government officials communicating with or appearing before federal courts or agencies on behalf of private entities regarding matters in which they participated personally and substantially while in office.

The Appearance of Impropriety & Abuse of Power:
The legal doctrine governing government ethics holds that even the appearance of self-dealing compromises judicial proceedings. Joining the very firm that fed the prosecution the initial case leaves an unmistakable impression of bias and collusion.

Imputed Disqualification (Rule 4-1.10):
In a boutique firm, claims of "ethical screens" fall apart. The confidential internal SEC strategy, non-public deliberations, and investigative work product generated by Berlin during her government tenure now sit under the same digital roof as Heskin & Proper.

The Demand for Complete Transparency
The facts on the Florida Bar registry and public search engines speak for themselves: Amie Berlin led the charge to take down Par Funding based on filings supplied by Heskin, and she is now listed under Heskin & Proper's domain.

The questions that must be answered under oath:
-When did employment or association discussions between Amie Berlin and Heskin & Proper begin?
-Were promises or understandings established while she was still utilizing sovereign power on matters affecting Heskin’s clients?
-Did the SEC issue formal, written conflict waivers permitting her move to the firm that supplied her evidence?
-Did Heskin use his “reward” from the Receiver in the amount of $490,000 plus millions in contingency fees from Par’s Merchants to open his new firm and reward Amie Berlin for her assisted take down after he kept losing?

The Freedom Fighters of America will keep these exhibits, facts, and legal records front and center until these conflicts are answered on the public record.