

THE FIRM

Pillsbury Lures DOJ Lawyer Who Thwarted Trump Putsch

by Bruce Love

Adding to its growing roster of attorneys with government experience, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman has tapped a longtime prosecutor and former Department of Justice lawyer who reportedly helped thwart former President Donald Trump's attempts to overturn the 2020 U.S. presidential election.

Richard Donoghue, who served as acting U.S. deputy attorney general at the Department of Justice during the final months of the Trump administration, Monday joined Pillsbury's corporate investigations and white-collar defense practice as a partner in the firm's New York office.

According to a recently released Senate report, Donoghue, a Republican, earlier this year resisted pressure from Trump to use Justice Department resources and personnel to investigate debunked election fraud allegations. Donoghue was also present with then-acting attorney general Jeffrey Rosen at a Jan. 3 White House meeting where Trump proposed sacking the U.S. attorney in Atlanta, Byung Pak, who had refused to falsely assert the Justice department had found irregularities in Georgia voting. At that meeting, Donoghue reportedly counseled Trump not to fire Pak, and warned the president that attempting to use the Justice Department to pursue false election claims would result in mass resignations.

Donoghue is a seasoned prosecutor and a former U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of New York from January 2018 to July 2020. He has several high-profile convictions under his belt; while serving as the Brooklyn prosecutor, he successfully prosecuted Mexican drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman.

In a statement announcing his recruitment to the firm, Deborah Baum, the leader of the Pillsbury's global litigation section, said Donoghue's "experience spans prominent government positions, senior in-house roles and a lengthy list of high-profile trial wins and successful government investigations, so he can leverage special value for our clients, adding perspective from every angle."

Donoghue started his legal career in the Judge Advocate General's Corps for the U.S. Army, where he held several roles, including Military Magistrate Judge. He then moved to the DOJ where he spent 11 years, eventually rising to chief of the criminal division. Afterward, he spent six years as in-house counsel at software firm CA Technologies.

When Donoghue was at CA Technologies, he was a client of Pillsbury.

"I saw how serious and talented their lawyers were and felt if I ever went to a firm, they were a good fit for me," he said.

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as both domestically and internationally—military law, intellectual property, criminal, white-collar, regulatory investigations and corporate litigation—and he said the practice he intends to develop will lean on his various skills and experiences to help clients mitigate the risk of trial, or to succeed at trial.

"You're going to see increased scrutiny from regulators as we emerge from COVID, and you're going to see a continuing and expanded interest in allegations of corporate misconduct, so to the extent I can help clients out with those things I'll be happy to do it," said Donoghue, who sees both his in-house corporate and government experience as an advantage for potential clients. "It provides me both with an understanding of what clients need and the situations they may face from government agencies."

Pillsbury has increasingly become the home of choice to many lawyers with top government experience. This year alone, the firm has recruited California Gov. Gavin Newsom's former deputy legal affairs secretary Daniel Bromberg, ex-federal prosecutor Kimberly Jaimez, retired Judge James Catterson, and former associate deputy attorney general Patrick Hovakimian.

Another Trump-appointed lawyer who ultimately resisted efforts to overturn the 2020 election has recently landed in private practice. Former White House Counsel Pat Cipollone last week opened a D.C. office for California firm Browne George Ross; with Cipollone's arrival, the firm will be renamed Ellis George Cipollone. Cipollone was reportedly present in January 2021 when in a White House meeting Trump apparently contemplated replacing Rosen with a loyalist who, unlike Rosen, was open to pushing the Department of Justice into pursuing claims of election fraud in the November 2020 elections. By the accounts of one official at the time, "Pat pretty much saved Rosen's job that day," after objecting strenuously to the idea.

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CITY OF DORAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

All residents, property owners and other interested parties are hereby notified of a **COUNCIL ZONING MEETING** on **October 27, 2021 beginning at 6:00 PM** to consider the Third Amendment to Master Development Agreement and a modification to the Downtown Doral Pattern Book to annex a ±1.84 acre parcel of land currently part of the Downtown Doral South DMU property and increase 35,000 square feet of office space. The City Council will consider this item for **FIRST READING**. The meeting will be held at the **City of Doral, Government Center, Council Chambers located at 8401 NW 53rd Terrace, Doral, Florida, 33166**.

The City of Doral proposes to adopt the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE No. 2021-36

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, APPROVING/DENYING THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE MASTER DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND MODIFICATION TO THE DOWNTOWN DORAL DMU PATTERN BOOK, TO ANNEX A ±1.84 ACRE PARCEL OF LAND CURRENTLY PART OF THE DOWNTOWN DORAL SOUTH DMU PROPERTY AND INCREASE 35,000 SQUARE FEET OF OFFICE SPACE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

HEARING NO.: 21-10-DOR-08

APPLICANT: CM Doral Development Company, LLC

LOCATION: Generally located between NW 87 Avenue and 79 Avenue, on both sides of NW 53 Street.

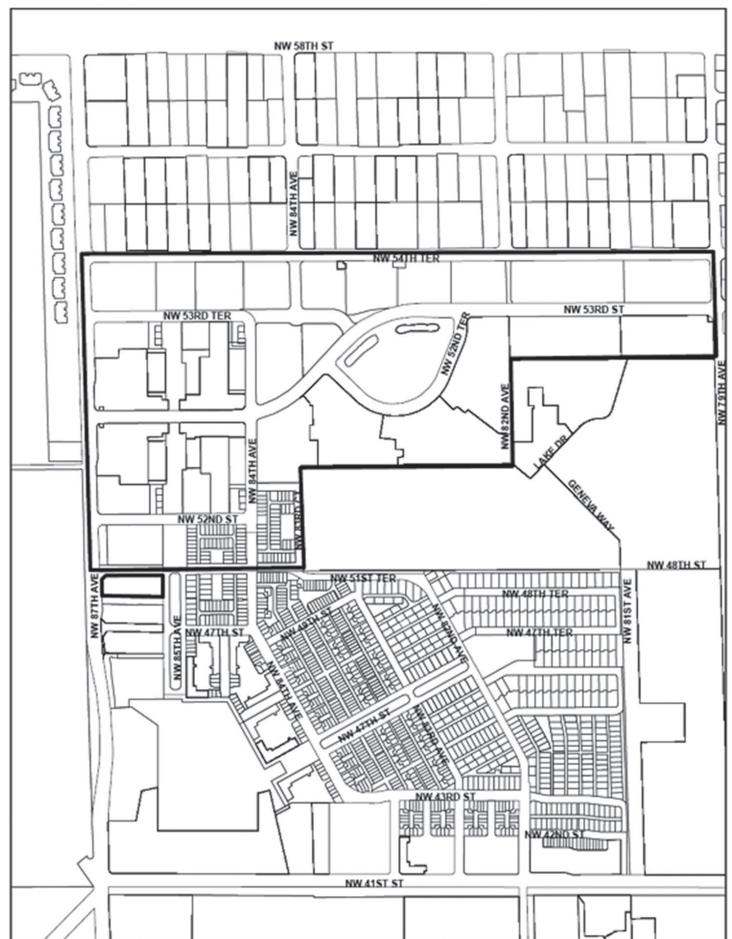
FOLIO: Various folio numbers

SIZE: ±124 acres

REQUEST: CM Doral Development Company, LLC is requesting Mayor and City Council approval of the Third Amendment to Master Development Agreement and a modification to the Downtown Doral Pattern Book to annex a ±1.84 acre parcel of land currently part of the Downtown Doral South DMU property and increase 35,000 square feet of office space. The development program, as amended, will consist of 3,340 residential dwelling units with a population density based thereupon, 213,895 square feet of retail/commercial use, 1,681,668 square feet of office use, 80,000 square feet of civic use, elementary school for 1,000 students, and upper school for 1,300 students, with building heights of up to 20 stories.

Copies of the Downtown Doral Pattern Book and Master Development Agreement, both as amended, are on file at the City of Doral Planning and Zoning Department located at 8401 NW 53rd Terrace, Doral, Florida, 33166.

Location Map



Inquiries regarding the item may be directed to the Planning and Zoning Department at 305-59-DORAL.

Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes If a person decides to appeal any decisions made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. This notice does not constitute consent by the City for introduction or admission of otherwise inadmissible or irrelevant evidence, nor does it authorize challenges or appeals not otherwise allowed by law. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person who are disabled and who need special accommodations to participate in this meeting because of that disability should contact the Planning and Zoning Department at 305-59-DORAL no later than three (3) business days prior to the proceeding.

Connie Diaz, MMC
City Clerk
City of Doral

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