

# Evan J. Preminger to Join Cozen O'Connor and Cozen O'Connor Public Strategies from New York Governor's Office

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**NEW YORK – February 6, 2020** – Cozen O'Connor is pleased to announce Evan J. Preminger, who previously served as Assistant Secretary for the Environment under New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, has joined Cozen O'Connor and Cozen O'Connor Public Strategies, the firm's government relations practice. Preminger will reside in the firm's midtown Manhattan office where he will be the Director of New York Environmental Matter for Cozen O'Connor Public Strategies and will advise on environment-related matters as an associate in the firm's Utility, Environmental & Energy Practice.

As Assistant Secretary for the Environment, Preminger supervised operations and policy development for New York State's environmental and parks agencies, which included reviewing the department's budgetary proposals and draft regulations. He also developed policy proposals to advance Governor Cuomo's environmental agenda, including proposed budget legislation and State of the State priorities.

Preminger will now represent and counsel clients on a variety of environment-related transactional and regulatory matters, including real estate conveyance, environmental indemnity or insurance cases, environmental permitting, brownfield cleanup agreements, and environmental quality reviews.

"Evan's environmental background is ideally suited to both Cozen O'Connor Public Strategies and the firm's environmental law practices," says Howard Schweitzer, CEO of Cozen O'Connor Public Strategies. "For Cozen O'Connor Public Strategies, he expands the firm's knowledge base in relation to environmental policy and strengthens its ties to Albany. On the environmental law side, he expands the firm's coverage in a range of matters, from land use disputes to real estate transactions."

"His ability to work for both Cozen O'Connor and Cozen O'Connor Public Strategies makes him a valuable addition to the New York office and I'm thrilled he's chosen to join us," added Kenneth K. Fisher, a member of both Cozen O'Connor and Cozen O'Connor Public Strategies.

Prior to joining New York state government, Preminger was an associate at Greenberg Traurig LLP, where he represented business clients in state and federal permitting and regulatory enforcement cases, including those involving the Clean Water Act, New York State Wetlands regulation, the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, Superfund, and the New York State Brownfield Cleanup Program.

"Evan's prior law firm experience and more recent experience within the highest levels of state government makes him a huge asset for our clients, and adds strength to our New York and national Environmental Practice," said Peter J. Fontaine, co-chair of the firm's Utility, Environmental & Energy Practice.

"Cozen O'Connor is well-respected in the New York state policy arena and being a part of that will provide me with incredible opportunities, both in environmental law and with Cozen O'Connor Public Strategies," Preminger says. "Considering my background, I'm certain I can help the firm continue to expand its legal offerings and capabilities, particularly in the area of New York state environmental policy."

Preminger formerly served on the emerging leaders steering committee of the New York League of Conservation Voters and as secretary of the New York City Bar Association's Election Law

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Committee. He earned his J.D. at Columbia Law School and his B.S. in Urban and Regional Studies at Cornell University.

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