The D.C. Power Web

With a new Democratic-controlled Congress warming up to exercise its investigative and oversight authority, the revolving door of lawyers moving between Washington's K Street and Capitol Hill—and back again—is spinning fast.

Or, as these pages suggest, the more apt metaphor may be a spider's web of power and influence.

This diagram shows 35 of the most prominent staff changes involving lawyers as of early February. It's just a sampling of the attorney job changes in D.C. since the Nov. 7 general election. And you can bet there are more to come.

—Molly McDonough

Brian Pomper
Was: Chief international trade counsel, Senate Finance Committee
Is: Founder and principal

Parven Pomper Schuyler

Mark L. Keam
Was: Chief counsel, Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill.
Is: Vice president, federal government relations

Verizon

Venable

Raymond Shepherd III
Was: Chief counsel/staff director, Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations
Is: Partner, government division

John K. Mashburn
Was: General counsel, Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H.
Is: Legislative specialist

Womble Carlyle Sandridge and Rice

Senate

Stephen G. Rademaker
Was: Policy director for national security affairs and senior counsel, Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tenn.
Is: Vice president

Barbour Griffith & Rogers

Kevin D. Kayes
Was: Chief counsel, Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev.
Is: Director

Quinn Gillespie & Associates

Sean Kennedy
Was: Lobbyist
Is: Chief of staff, Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo.

SBC Communications (now AT&T)

Mark Kadesh
Was: Chief of staff, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif.
Is: Partner

Bartlett, Bendall & Kadesh

Samuel E. Whitehorn
Was: General counsel, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation
Is: Executive vice president

McBee Strategic Consulting

Jay Heimbach
Was: Lobbyist
Is: Chief of staff, Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio

Ricchetti

Jeff Lane
Was: Counsel, government relations group
Is: Chief of staff, Sen. Ken Salazar, D-Colo.

Womble Carlyle Sandridge and Rice

Rachel Welch
Was: Telecommunications policy adviser, Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii
Is: Vice president for global public policy in D.C.

Time Warner

Eric Dell
Was: Chief of staff, Rep. Joe Wilson, R-S.C.
Is: Vice president

Valis & Keelen

Brandi White
Was: Deputy chief counsel, Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tenn.
Is: Deputy assistant attorney general, Office of Legal Policy

Department of Justice

Harriet Miers
Was: White House counsel
Is: Destination to be announced

White House

Richard Boykin
Was: Chief of staff, Rep. Danny Davis, D-Ill.
Is: Partner

Barnes & Thornburg

Fred F. Fielding
Was: Senior partner
Is: White House counsel

Wiley Rein ~~& Fielding~~

Elliot S. Berke
Was: Counsel to former House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill.
Is: General counsel

Barbour Griffith & Rogers

Mark R. Paoletta
Was: Chief counsel, House Energy and Commerce Committee, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations
Is: Partner

Dickstein Shapiro

Christopher G. Oprison
Was: Senior litigation associate
Is: Associate counsel to the president

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom

Howard W. Waltzman
Was: Chief counsel, House Energy and Commerce Committee, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet
Is: Partner

Mayer Brown Rowe & Maw

Margaret Cantrell
Was: Associate
Is: Policy adviser, Rep. James Clyburn, D-S.C.

Jones Day

Michael Zola
Was: Assistant director for forensic audits and special investigations
Is: Chief investigative counsel, House Committee on Education and the Workforce

Government Accountability Office

Beau Schuyler
Was: Legislative director, Rep. John Tanner, D-Tenn.
Is: Founder and principal

Parven Pomper Schuyler

Cheryl M. Stanton
Was: Shareholder
Is: Associate counsel to the president

Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart

Paul R. Eckert
Was: Partner
Is: Associate counsel to the president

Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr

Rep. Jim Davis
Was: Florida gubernatorial candidate
Is: Senior counsel

Holland & Knight

House

Constance Dougherty
Was: Associate
Is: Legislative director, Rep. Peter Welch, D-Vt.

Jones Day

David Grimaldi
Was: Legislative counsel, Rep. Edolphus Towns, D-N.Y.
Is: Senior counsel

Raben Group

Karl R. Koch
Was: Chief of staff, Rep. Jim Davis, D-Fla.
Is: Senior policy adviser

Holland & Knight

Alan R. Swendiman
Was: General counsel
Is: Special assistant to the president and director, Office of Administration

General Services Administration

Carole Angel
Was: Staff attorney
Is: Legislative assistant, Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y.

Immigrant Women Program at Legal Momentum

Lisa Tanner
Was: Associate
Is: Legislative director, Rep. William Sali, R-Idaho

Racine Olson Nye Budge & Bailey

Marc J. Gerson
Was: Majority tax counsel, House Ways and Means Committee
Is: Member

Miller & Chevalier

Andrew L. Snowdon
Was: Counsel, House Energy and Commerce Committee, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations
Is: Counsel

Dickstein Shapiro

Sources: Interviews, media reports, law firm press releases, and White House and congressional press releases. Chart by Bob Fernandez.