

RECRUITING ROUNDUP - ECHELON PARTNERS TAPS EX-LPL M&A SPECIALIST

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ECHELON Partners says the former head of LPL Financial's consulting group is now working for the firm as a new managing director. Carolyn Armitage joined the Manhattan Beach, Calif.-based M&A firm earlier this year.

Armitage had been with LPL since 2013. During her time with LPL, she had referred clients to ECHELON for business valuation. LPL eliminated the enterprise consulting division last year, Armitage says, making a move to ECHELON "a natural fit."

"It's my first venture moving onto the truly independent platform," she explained in a statement. "ECHELON is transforming consulting and M&A through a total platform approach."

Executives with ECHELON expect the hectic pace of M&A activity in the advisory field to continue.

"We're experiencing record activity in the RIA and wealth-tech sectors," said ECHELON CEO **Dan Seivert**, in a statement. "Never before has there been as much change happening in wealth management than today. We are excited to be aggressively adding top-tier team members to meet that increased demand."

Also joining ECHELON are analysts Edward Janisch and Andrew Sova; Janisch moved to the firm from JP Morgan Chase, while Sova recently graduated from Claremont McKenna College.