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Nelson Levine is the beneficiary of three defections from Cozen

Three Cozen O'Connor partners have left the firm and joined Blue Bell's Nelson Levine de Luca & Horst. Michael Hamilton, Cynthia Bernstiel and John Mullen have joined the firm as partners. Hamilton handles complex insurance coverage matters and class action litigation, Bernstiel investigation and litigation of arson and suspected insurance fraud and Mullen handles cyber-risk, construction and environmental issues.

The 50-lawyer Nelson Levine, which moved into new offices in Blue Bell this year, focuses roughly two-thirds of its work on insurance-related litigation and a third on insurance regulatory and counseling, according to Chairman Mike Nelson. Nelson said the trio brings both depth and new specialties.

Cozen CEO Tad Decker said the trio said they left because of billing rate pressure from clients. Other partners made similar decisions earlier this year.