

## Crowell & Moring Nabs Knobbe Martens IP Partner

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*Law360 (December 14, 2023, 3:31 PM EST)* -- Crowell & Moring LLP announced Thursday that a partner with decades of intellectual property law experience is joining its Orange County, California, office from Knobbe Martens, filling out the firm's continued growth into one of the largest intellectual property practices in the U.S.

Jon Gurka brings nearly three decades of intellectual property practice experience that includes a focus on complex patent litigation, Crowell & Moring said in a statement released Thursday. He represented Masimo Corp. in a \$466 million jury trial verdict against Philips Electronics North America Corp. and Philips Medizin Systeme Boblingen GmbH over infringement claims covering pulse oximetry technology, the law firm noted.



Jon Gurka

"Crowell has built a premier IP practice," Gurka said in the statement. "A transition to a full-service firm will allow me to expand my practice, fully support clients in complex cases, and further build on my experience."

Gurka has a long list of areas of expertise, including patent, trademark, trade dress, copyright, trade secret, unfair competition and breach of contract, Crowell & Moring said.

"Jon is an important strategic fit, bringing a rare combination of defensive patent litigation experience, as well as plaintiff-side patent litigation," Anne Li, co-chair of the firm's patents practice group, said in the statement.

Crowell & Moring said it built one of the largest IP practices in the U.S. over the last several years by combining with Brinks Gilson & Lione, adding Sari Depreeuw in Brussels and Jason Stiehl in Chicago, and hiring a three-person IP team from Allen & Overy LLP led by Paul Keller in New York.

Crowell & Moring also said it added more than 60 lateral partners to its intellectual property, litigation, regulatory and transactional departments over the last three years.

"Jon's arrival is a really exciting expansion of the patent litigation team in our Southern California offices where we have a growing number of technology clients based on the West Coast," Deborah E. Arbabi, managing partner of Crowell & Moring's Orange County office, said Thursday.

Gurka earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Connecticut and a law degree from the University of Illinois College of Law, his LinkedIn profile showed.

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