

Crowell Nabs IP Atty Team With Disruptive Tech Experience

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Law360 (May 16, 2023, 12:49 PM EDT) -- Crowell & Moring LLP has brought on a veteran three-person intellectual property team from Allen & Overy LLP to its IP department as it looks to deepen its legal expertise in emerging fields like artificial intelligence and autonomous vehicles.

The team, which includes IP attorneys Paul Keller, Michelle Wang and James Reed, will allow Crowell & Moring to tap the decades of in-depth experience the attorneys bring, much of it centered on disruptive technology, the firm said in a statement Tuesday. The attorneys' legal expertise with new technologies like autonomous driving, artificial intelligence, 3D printing, e-health, 5G and encryption will provide the department with cross-practice opportunities and boost the firm's global IP practice, it said.

Keller, who joins the firm after serving as a partner at Allen & Overy for nearly a decade, told Law360 Pulse on Tuesday that he's looking forward to being a part of Crowell's IP group because of the passionate people on the team as well as the expertise the department provides clients.

"The caliber of folks here, both in terms of their legal talent, their entrepreneurial spirit, and their interest in collaborating with people, I'm really looking forward to being a part of that," Keller said. "All the new issues, and helping clients understand them better, as well as bringing innovative ideas to new industries — and cross-industry, frankly — it's all very important to me and the breadth of their practice is very important to clients."

In particular, Keller said Crowell & Moring's work with transportation and autonomous vehicles is exciting to be a part of.

"Their transportation group — it's really very impressive," he told Law360 Pulse. "Their regulatory background, product liability experience, and their antitrust and corporate experience in this space — all of that brings a really unique team to the transportation space."

Keller, along with Wang, who served as senior counsel at Allen & Overy, and Reed, who served as an associate, adds to the firm's IP capabilities, Laura Lydigsen, chair of Crowell & Moring's IP department, said in the statement.



Paul Keller



Michelle Wang



James Reed

"The team broadens our IP litigation and trial capabilities around the globe," Lydigsen said. "In addition to advising clients on patent and trade secret related matters, they have carved out a niche working with companies on the forefront of disruptive technologies, notably artificial intelligence and autonomous vehicles."

Crowell & Moring is an international law firm with offices in the United States, Europe, the Middle East and North Africa, and Asia. It provides clients with government, business, industry and legal experience as well as solutions to complex litigation and arbitration, regulatory and policy, and corporate and transactional issues, according to the statement.

Keller, Wang and Reed earned law degrees from Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York University School of Law and Louisiana State University Law Center, respectively.

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