

Amazon Attys Jump To Crowell & Moring In San Francisco

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Law360 (July 17, 2025, 4:19 PM EDT) -- Crowell & Moring LLP has expanded its litigation resources in its San Francisco office with the addition of two former in-house attorneys for Amazon, who bring more than 30 years of combined experience to advise clients on product liability claims.

Clay Marquez and Meghan McMeel were welcomed as partners to Crowell & Moring's litigation group in San Francisco, the firm announced Thursday. Marquez previously served as senior corporate counsel for Amazon's WW stores, and McMeel is a former senior corporate counsel for devices at Amazon.

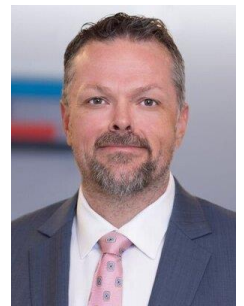
Marquez said in a statement to Law360 Pulse Thursday that the opportunity to join Crowell & Moring's consumer products practice in the litigation department was a "no-brainer and a natural evolution" of his practice and career.

"Having spent the last five years in-house working with some of the largest retailers in the world and experiencing firsthand the growing challenges and complexities faced by retailers in the product safety and regulatory compliance space, both in the U.S. and abroad, I am ready to take that experience and return to private practice where I can help address a myriad of issues for clients across industries, supply chains and global markets," Marquez said.

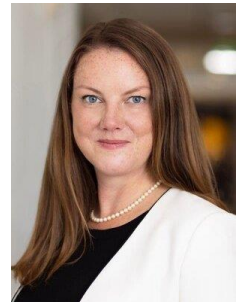
Marquez said he and McMeel look forward to growing Crowell & Moring's reputation in consumer products and on the West Coast. They can provide "fresh perspectives, business-oriented advice and creative solutions that help anticipate and address the rapidly changing regulatory environment," Marquez said.

"In addition to the reactive litigation and enforcement work that is so important, I am personally excited for the opportunity to proactively engage with such an amazing group of retail and consumer products clients and to help advise them on how to achieve the right outcomes for both customers and the business," Marquez said.

McMeel said she has collaborated with attorneys from Crowell & Moring for many years as an in-house attorney for Amazon and in her private practice, and that she has always been impressed by "their talent, creative problem solving and collegiality."



Clay Marquez



Meghan McMeel

"Crowell's long-standing reputation in the consumer product safety and regulatory markets is second to none," McMeel said. "When choosing to return to private practice, it was that reputation and talent set, paired with their focus on west coast growth, international opportunities and general firm growth that brought me here."

Marquez and McMeel will advise clients on developing strategies to navigate the regulatory landscape and mitigate risk, according to the firm's announcement. Crowell & Moring plans to leverage McMeel's technical and regulatory experience in the design, production and marketing of technology products, as well as Marquez's expertise with product safety and compliance.

"The addition of Meghan and Clay immediately expands the capabilities of our market leading consumer products practice," Cheryl Falvey, a partner in Crowell & Moring's litigation and privacy & cybersecurity groups, said in a statement. "Their firsthand experience supporting the world's largest retailer in different but complementary ways is a significant market differentiator and will allow us to better serve clients on the West Coast who are struggling to navigate shifting demands from state and federal regulators."

Marquez earned his law degree from Fordham University School of Law and started his legal career as an associate at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati PC in January 2010. He moved to O'Melveny & Myers LLP in October 2015, and joined Amazon in October 2022.

After earning her law degree from DePaul University College of Law, McMeel joined Schiff Hardin LLP as an associate in November 2012. She moved to Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila LLP in March 2016, then went in-house with Amazon in July 2022.

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