

## IP Hires: King & Spalding, Crowell & Moring

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*Law360 (January 5, 2024, 7:34 PM EST)* -- King & Spalding LLP has expanded its Austin, Texas, office with an intellectual property litigator from McKool Smith, and Crowell & Moring LLP has added a partner from Knobbe Martens. Here are the details on these and other notable IP hires.

### King & Spalding

Alfonso Chan has joined King & Spalding as a partner in its trial and global disputes practice group, the firm said in a Dec. 13 announcement.

Chan works primarily on matters that involve semiconductors and other electronic technologies, biomaterials and medical devices, the firm said, and he largely represents universities, research institutes and technology companies.

In a statement provided to Law360, Chan said he joined the firm "because I admire their dedication to representing world-class corporations and institutions, including top universities and research institutes."

"In addition, the firm is a good fit with my practice because of their commitment to strategic growth in emerging technologies, including AI and genetics," he added. "I am excited to work with their group of exceptional trial lawyers, including Chris Campbell, Jeff Telep, Brit Davis and Granta Nakayama."

### Crowell & Moring

Jon Gurka has joined Crowell & Moring, bringing with him nearly three decades of intellectual property practice experience that includes a focus on complex patent litigation, Crowell & Moring said on Dec. 14.

His experience includes representing 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.

"Crowell has built a premier IP practice," Gurka said in a 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 patents, trademarks, trade dress, copyrights, trade secrets, unfair competition and breach of contract, Crowell & Moring said.

Crowell & Moring has said it built one of the largest IP practices in the U.S. over the last several years by combining with Brinks Gilson & Lione, bringing on 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.

### **Blank Rome**

IP attorney Andrew R. Kopsidas, who has a background working at NASA, has moved to Blank Rome LLP after a stint at Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP, according to an announcement Thursday.

Kopsidas told Law360 on Thursday that the team he will work with has "great energy and is still growing aggressively," and that he is excited to work with Blank Rome's aerospace and international trade practices.

"It was an incredible opportunity to join an IP litigation group that has exactly the kind of trial experience and deep bench of talent that my clients are looking for," Kopsidas said.

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