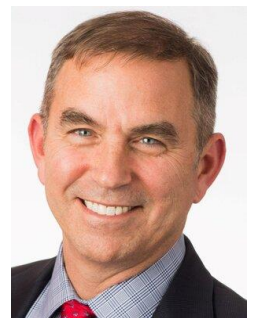


Crowell Lands 16 Reed Smith Health Partners Across 4 Cities

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Law360 (August 6, 2025, 1:31 AM EDT) -- Crowell & Moring LLP announced Wednesday that it is expanding its healthcare practice with dozens of attorneys from Reed Smith LLP, including 16 healthcare litigation partners based in Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Dallas, where the firm is launching a new shop with a former Reed Smith lawyer at the helm.

Chicago-based trial attorney Martin "Marty" Bishop, who served on Reed Smith's executive committee, will serve as co-chair of Crowell & Moring's healthcare group alongside longtime Crowell & Moring partner Troy Barsky, the firm said in a statement.



Martin J. Bishop

The combination gives Crowell & Moring one of the largest healthcare practices in the country and boosts the firm's ability to provide clients with litigation, investigations, regulatory, transactional and recovery services across the industry, the firm said.

Bishop told Law360 Pulse in an interview Tuesday that the Reed Smith team has for years served as co-counsel and opposing counsel on matters with the team at Crowell & Moring.

"It got to a certain point where we looked at each other and said it might make sense to bring these two practices together for our clients," Bishop said. "We work in a highly regulated industry, it's a very specialized practice and our clients need as much expertise around them as they can get when they hire outside counsel."

Other Reed Smith partners joining Crowell & Moring in Chicago are Steven Hamilton, Rebecca Hanson, Thomas Hardy, Daniel Hofmeister, Alexandra Lucas, Jason Mayer, Kevin Tessier and Bryan Webster. In California, Michelle Cheng, Lorenzo Gasparetti, Junga Kim, Amir Shlesinger and Kenneth Smersfelt are coming aboard in Los Angeles and Karen Braje is joining in San Francisco.

Scott Williams is coming aboard in Dallas and will serve as managing partner of the new office, Crowell & Moring's first in the Lone Star State. Joining Williams in Dallas are five other former Reed Smith lawyers.

Dozens of other Reed Smith healthcare attorneys are expected to come aboard at Crowell & Moring in the next two weeks, along with professional staff who work closely with the team, the firm said.

Phil Inglima, chair of Crowell & Moring's management board, told Law360 Pulse in an interview Tuesday that "we totally expect to expand beyond healthcare and beyond the existing team [in Dallas] in the

months ahead."

"I think we're going to see substantial growth," Inglima said, adding that the firm has focused its growth on "Chicago, Los Angeles, and then to a lesser extent, New York, San Francisco and D.C.," and said the firm is excited about having a presence in Texas.

Inglima said "around 24" attorneys are joining from Reed Smith but that the number could increase by five or 10.

Barsky, healthcare group co-chair, said in an interview with Law360 Pulse on Tuesday that the firm has always prided itself on being able to "provide all types of legal services for all entities in the healthcare ecosystem, in the healthcare economy."

"And our combination obviously doubles down on that effort by numbers, but I think it also allows us to be deeper from a substantive standpoint," Barsky said.

Barsky said the geographic expansion into Dallas is another step forward for the firm and for the healthcare practice.

"To be a truly national practice that can cover federal and state issues, you need to be in the locations where your clients are," Barsky said. "This combination will allow us to provide greater services to our clients."

The firm said the new group brings litigation experience in all 50 states. The group members' expertise includes litigating matters related to the No Surprises Act, gender-affirming care, ERISA, Medicare Advantage and Medicaid managed care coverage issues, as well as post-Dobbs insurance coverage under state healthcare programs, the firm said.

Crowell & Moring's expansion of its healthcare group comes on the heels of its **June tie up** with life sciences firm Faber Daeufer & Itrato, which added a Boston location to the firm's offices.

A spokesperson for Reed Smith said Wednesday in an email: "We appreciate the contributions of our former colleagues and wish them well. We believe that these departures will allow us to strengthen our deep roots in the healthcare industry by removing certain conflicts, responding to a long-standing demand to expand client relationships, partnering with new healthcare organizations, and attracting even broader talent."

"This sharpened focus also enables us to support key clients in the healthcare, life sciences, and healthcare regulatory sectors on their most critical matters," the Reed Smith representative said. "As a firm, we are committed to delivering the highest level of service while aligning our business model to deliver the greatest benefit to our clients, lawyers, and staff. We will continue to invest in top talent and grow our Chambers-ranked healthcare and life sciences practices."

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