

## Crowell Adds Moses Singer Health Trio In New NYC Office

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*Law360 (January 16, 2024, 2:28 PM EST)* -- Crowell & Moring LLP announced Tuesday that it has hired a team from Moses & Singer LLP with rare expertise in regulatory and compliance issues related to clinical trials for biotech and health tech companies.

Partners Linda Malek and Jason Johnson and senior counsel Blaze Waleski — the newest members of Crowell & Moring's healthcare and privacy and cybersecurity groups — are based in the firm's New York City office, which moved into a larger space this week in Manhattan's Hudson Yards neighborhood.

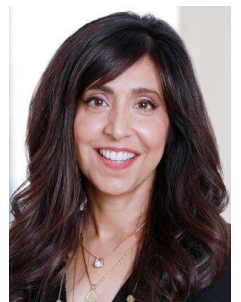
The trio will build on the strategic growth of the firm's New York office, which was originally launched in 2006 in midtown Manhattan. In December 2022, the firm announced they'd be moving to a new 71,000-square-foot location in Hudson Yards. Over the past five years, the office has more than doubled in size to approximately 170 lawyers and staff, the firm noted.

"We have moved to a better space to suit our growing needs," Glen McGorty, managing partner of Crowell & Moring's New York office, said in a statement. "This is an office that speaks to the caliber of our clients, the sophistication of our matters, and the client service excellence that we deliver across our entire firm."

The office features floor-to-ceiling windows for natural light, and modern amenities such as standing desks. The location provides easy access to nearby transit, including major transportation hubs Penn Station and Moynihan Train Hall, and iconic destinations including Madison Square Garden and the High Line, the firm said.

The floor plan includes offices of similar sizes, and there is a multipurpose room that spills out into a two-story reception area with a floating staircase. Took's Café, named after one of the firm's founders, Eldon H. "Took" Crowell, is being used as a space for lawyers and staff to gather and build ties.

"This efficiently designed and state-of-the-art space provides the opportunity to collaborate with clients and one another seamlessly in a post-pandemic era," McGorty said. "The many stand-out features of our new office appeal to the next generation of diverse talent we continue to attract as we actively expand our New York team."



Linda Malek



Jason Johnson



Blaze Waleski

Malek served on Moses & Singer's management committee and led both the healthcare and life sciences and privacy and cybersecurity practices.

All three lawyers were leaders of MS Strategic Solutions, a consulting company focused on clinical research, data privacy, digital healthcare and life sciences. At Crowell & Moring, they will also join Crowell Health Solutions, the firm's strategic healthcare consulting firm.

Malek told Law360 Pulse that the team joined Crowell & Moring because of its unparalleled reputation and experience in the healthcare and life sciences and privacy and cybersecurity regulatory arenas.

"We are excited to expand our work in these practice areas by leveraging Crowell & Moring's robust platform to enhance our work with clients in the areas of clinical research and digital health in the healthcare context and in artificial intelligence and data privacy/cybersecurity across industry sectors," she said.

Johnson said the new firm was an opportunity to work in a dynamic environment with great attorneys.

"I'm hoping to help Crowell expand its healthcare and privacy footprint, particularly in digital health, clinical research and artificial intelligence," he said.

Waleski added that Crowell & Moring will allow him to advance his practice to new heights.

"Crowell offers not only a strong platform to support the areas of law in which I practice — notably privacy, data protection and cybersecurity — it offers an exceptionally collegial culture and congenial environment unique to firms of this caliber and size," Waleski said.

Moses & Singer did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The trio counsels technology companies and academic medical centers on issues regarding patient consent, privacy, state laws governing the use of human tissues, intellectual property and clinical trial contractual agreements. The group also advises a wide range of industries on data privacy and cybersecurity matters.

In addition, the team is able to offer advice on privacy and confidentiality obligations, from customer notifications to algorithm structures to data transfer security, the firm said.

Troy Barsky, co-chair of Crowell & Moring's healthcare group and managing director of Crowell Health Solutions, called the hirings a huge opportunity to broaden what the firm can do for its clients in the healthcare regulatory and data privacy space.

"Any organization working on cutting edge healthcare products or services, whether a technology company, managed care company, academic medical center, or financial institution, must deal with a myriad of federal, state, and international regulations to bring its product to market successfully," Barsky said in a statement. "This team is prepared to guide them through those complex processes and requirements."

The team provides legal counsel to life science companies beyond the clinical trial space, including transactions, U.S. Food and Drug Administration compliance, negotiating intellectual property agreements, technology transfer agreements, privacy, advertising and brand promotion and fraud and

abuse compliance. Their clients include startups, emerging and mature life science, biotechnology, medical device and health tech organizations.

"We are seeing a record number of data breaches and ransomware incidents, which confirms what we've known for years: data is a commodity, and the healthcare and life sciences space is no exception," Jeffrey Poston, co-chair of the firm's privacy and cybersecurity group, said in the statement. "Linda, Jason, and Blaze are exceptionally well-positioned to assist our clients with ensuring they are set up for success across their clinical trials and data management infrastructures."

Malek is a board member for NewYorkBIO, an advocacy group for the life science industry in New York where she co-founded and co-leads the organization's diversity, equity and inclusion initiative.

Prior to Moses & Singer, she spent nearly six years as a healthcare attorney for the New York City Office of the Corporation Counsel, Division of Legal Counsel, according to her LinkedIn profile.

Malek graduated from the University of Virginia School of Law and has an undergraduate degree from Walla Walla University.

Johnson started with Moses & Singer in 2016 as a counsel, working his way up to partner in 2019. Before that, he was an associate at Fitzpatrick Cella Harper & Scinto, which combined with Venable LLP in 2018. He is a graduate of Franklin Pierce Law Center.

Waleski was of counsel at Moses & Singer since 2015. He's also been an attorney at Nielsen NV and AIG, as well as counsel at Sullivan & Cromwell LLP and Fulbright & Jaworski LLP. He started his legal career as an associate at Luce Forward Hamilton & Scripps LLP after graduating from Rutgers Law School, according to his LinkedIn.

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