

Crowell & Moring Adds 2 More Neal Gerber Attys In Chicago

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Law360 (May 1, 2024, 12:55 PM EDT) -- Crowell & Moring LLP announced Wednesday that it has hired two more attorneys from Chicago-based Neal Gerber & Eisenberg LLP to bolster its corporate services.

Elaine Taussig and Tom Williams join Crowell & Moring's office on the heels of former Neal Gerber colleagues John J. Koenigsknecht and David S. Stone's move to the firm. Taussig joins as a partner in the firm's corporate group, and Williams joins as a partner in its corporate and intellectual property groups, the global firm said.

"For almost two decades our team has worked together to provide seamless and strategic support to clients," Taussig said in a statement. "We are excited to move together to Crowell and expand the portfolio of experience that we can provide our clients in this very complex and highly regulated business environment."

Williams said in a statement that "Crowell provides a valuable platform for our practice and our clients, because of the strength of the firm's transactional, regulatory, litigation, and IP practices,"

"As trusted advisors, we are thrilled to join a firm with a shared commitment to deliver service excellence and innovative solutions to clients," he added.

The two told Law360 that they have much prior experience working with Koenigsknecht and Stone and are looking forward to working alongside them and the rest of Crowell & Moring's bench.

"I'm so looking forward to having all of this wonderful expertise to draw on" for existing and new clients, Taussig told Law360.

Williams told Law360 that the move to Crowell & Moring seems a "perfect fit" given his tech background and the firm's "deep bench." Williams was an engineer for more than a decade before going to law school.

Taussig told Law360 that Crowell & Moring offers a "tremendous platform and an opportunity to grow."

Williams had been at Neal Gerber for nearly 20 years, according to his LinkedIn profile, while Taussig worked there for about a decade over three separate stints with the firm.



Elaine Taussig



Tom Williams

Taussig was a partner at Neal Gerberg from 2021 to 2024, senior counsel at the firm from 2012 to 2013 and also worked at the firm from 2003 to 2009, a Crowell & Moring representative told Law360.

She also has in-house experience, having worked as general counsel at consumer health engagement company Higi SH LLC from January 2018 to March 2021, and as senior vice president for legal, general counsel and secretary for Chicago Sun-Times owner Wrapports LLC from October 2013 to August 2017, her LinkedIn profile shows.

Taussig also served as vice president, general counsel and secretary for technology company TruMarx Data Partners Inc. from 2010 to 2011, according to the Crowell & Moring representative.

Her prior experience also includes stints as an associate at Seyfarth Shaw LLP, Mayer Brown LLP and Richards & O'Neil, the representative said.

She earned a law degree from Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law and an undergraduate degree from Barnard College.

Williams had worked at Neal Gerber since 2005, according to his LinkedIn profile. Before that, he worked at Greenberg Traurig LLP for two years, the profile says. He graduated from DePaul University College of Law in 2002.

At the start of his law career, Williams told Law360 that he clerked and was an associate at an IP boutique.

Before law school, he worked for about a year as a project manager for audio device company Knowles Corp., as an engineer for Rolls-Royce for two years and as a rocket engine turbomachinery engineer at Boeing for nine years, his LinkedIn profile says.

Williams earned a master's degree in mechanical engineering from California State University, Northridge and a bachelor's degree in aeronautical and astronautical engineering from Purdue University.

The duo will advise clients about business growth and transactional matters, Crowell & Moring said.

Taussig focused her practice on representing clients in public and private securities offerings, compliance matters, and corporate transactions, the announcement said. She told Law360 that she will draw on her in-house experience to help best serve clients.

In his practice, Williams handles IP-related issues in corporate transactions and advises clients about how to negotiate business agreements, Crowell & Moring said.

He also draws on his technical experience to help companies with product innovation protection, enforcement and defense, as well as devising monetization strategies to help mitigate risk, the firm said.

Crowell & Moring has about 50 lawyers who primarily practice in its corporate group and another 26 attorneys who split their time with the group, the firm representative said. The firm has roughly 100 IP lawyers, patent agents, and scientific advisers, the representative added.

"We are very pleased that Elaine and Tom are joining Crowell, bringing their diverse transactional and IP experience," Crowell & Moring chair Philip T. Inglima said in a statement. "Clients will benefit from their proven track record of developing a deep understanding of a company's business and growth objectives so that they are well-positioned to advise on corporate and IP protection and monetization strategies."

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