

Crowell & Moring Hires IP Team From Dentons In London

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Law360, London (July 1, 2025, 5:51 PM BST) -- Crowell & Moring said Tuesday it has hired a new U.K. intellectual property chief as part of a team of eight lawyers it has recruited from Dentons in London.

Crowell & Moring U.K. LLP named Justin Hill as its new head of IP in Britain. Hill, co-head of IP at Dentons, deals with complex patent disputes and advises some of the "world's leading tech companies" along with venture funds, his new firm said.

Marie Jansson Heeks has also joined the firm as a partner, along with a team of six patent attorneys, four paralegals and six support staff, Crowell & Moring said.

"This team will link perfectly with our excellent IP practices across the wider firm, and we see real synergies across our London teams," Robert Weekes, managing partner of the firm's London office, said in a statement.

Crowell & Moring said its existing IP practice spans California, Chicago, New York, Washington, D.C. and Brussels.

Mark Supko, co-chair of the IP department at Crowell & Moring, said the firm had "doubled down" on its goal of becoming a top tech firm by joining with Chicago-based IP boutique Brinks Gilson & Lione in 2021. Hiring the team from Dentons in London "furthers that commitment," Supko said.

He also noted that the team adds "important additional standing before the Unified Patent Court in Europe," regularly acting on disputes at the UPC as well as the European Patent Office and national courts.

The new team will now join forces with the IP department at Crowell & Moring, which "is widely considered one of the most accomplished in the market," according to Hill.

"We have been working for years with businesses and innovators of all sizes who are facing difficult decisions about how best to manage their IP assets, and we believe that the platform at Crowell gives us the best ability to serve our clients," Hill said.

Jansson Heeks began at the firm on Tuesday. She studied biochemical engineering at University College



Justin Hill



Marie Jansson Heeks

London before training at iPulse (IP) Ltd., according to her LinkedIn profile.

Hill will launch his practice at Crowell & Moring in the coming weeks, the firm said. He studied at Imperial College London and Nottingham Law School, and has practiced at firms including McDermott Will & Emery LLP and Olswang, which later became part of CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang LLP.

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