

IP Hires: Crowell & Moring, Munck Wilson, Venable

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Law360 (May 19, 2023, 12:31 PM EDT) -- Crowell & Moring LLP has strengthened its intellectual property team with the addition of a trio of Allen & Overy LLP attorneys, and Munck Wilson Mandala LLP has brought on a patent attorney who previously worked at Texas IP management and finance firm PanOptis. Here are the details on these and other notable hires.

Crowell & Moring

Crowell & Moring LLP has brought on a veteran three-person intellectual property team from Allen & Overy LLP to its IP department as it looks to deepen its legal expertise in emerging fields like artificial intelligence and autonomous vehicles.

The team, which includes IP attorneys Paul Keller, Michelle Wang and James Reed, will allow Crowell & Moring to tap the decades of in-depth experience the attorneys bring, much of it centered on disruptive technology, the firm said in a statement Tuesday. The attorneys' legal expertise with new technologies like autonomous driving, artificial intelligence, 3D printing, e-health, 5G and encryption will provide the department with cross-practice opportunities and boost the firm's global IP practice, it said.

Keller, who joins the firm after serving as a partner at Allen & Overy for nearly a decade, told Law360 Pulse on Tuesday that he's looking forward to being a part of Crowell's IP group because of the passionate people on the team as well as the expertise the department provides clients.

"The caliber of folks here, both in terms of their legal talent, their entrepreneurial spirit, and their interest in collaborating with people, I'm really looking forward to being a part of that," Keller said. "All the new issues, and helping clients understand them better, as well as bringing innovative ideas to new industries — and cross-industry, frankly — it's all very important to me and the breadth of their practice is very important to clients."

Munck Wilson

Munck Wilson Mandala LLP has strengthened its intellectual property offerings with the addition of a principal attorney who was formerly a senior manager in-house at PanOptis, a Texas-based IP management and finance firm.

The law firm added Lewis Schiel Jr., who will work with clients in patent prosecution and portfolio management, the firm said in a statement Monday. His first day with the firm was April 28, a firm

spokesperson told Law360 Pulse on Tuesday.

Schiel, who will be based in Dallas, will also support the firm's patent litigation work, Munck Wilson said in the statement.

Schiel is a registered patent attorney who has more than a decade of experience working on patent preparation, evaluation and prosecution, according to the firm.

"Lewis brings substantial depth and experience to our IP team," partner Jake LaCombe told Law360 Pulse in an email. "He has hit the ground running and is proving to be a great addition to our busy practice."

Venable

Venable LLP has expanded its intellectual property litigation and technology group with a longtime Loeb & Loeb LLP partner, the firm announced Monday.

Adam Kelly joins Venable as a partner after working for over 16 years at Loeb & Loeb, according to his LinkedIn profile. The firm said his practice focuses on counseling clients on competitive use of intellectual property to increase market share and revenue, corporate transaction work, technology acquisition and other aspects of intellectual property law practice.

A University of Chicago School of Law graduate, Kelly told Law360 Pulse in an email Monday that he'd decided to end his over 16-year career with Loeb & Loeb for a combination of reasons.

"First, Venable presented me with an exciting opportunity to help build its newer Chicago office," Kelly said. "Second, I had the opportunity to join several close colleagues in the intellectual property group who have specialized expertise in the life science and technology industries. Third, we share several common clients, so the opportunity for bilateral collaboration is real and exciting."

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