

## Cybersecurity Veteran Joins Crowell & Moring's SF Office

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Crowell & Moring LLP has picked up Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP's leading cybersecurity and data privacy attorney, who has experience representing major tech companies including Facebook and Microsoft, to serve as a partner in its San Francisco office.

Gabriel Ramsey started on Nov. 6 at his new firm, according to a Nov. 13 news release, bringing 17 years of experience handling technology litigation focused on intellectual property and cybersecurity to Crowell & Moring. He has previously advised clients on cybercrime investigations as well as enforcement of patents and trade secrets disputes.

Philip T. Inglima, chair of the firm's executive committee, said in a statement that Ramsey has a good reputation among tech companies across a range of IP and licensing issues.

"We are building a litigation powerhouse in California, and Gabe's arrival provides another important boost to those efforts, while also further solidifying the West Coast presence of our Privacy & Cybersecurity Group," he said.

Ramsey is the third Orrick litigator in the past six months to have joined Crowell & Moring in California. In June, intellectual property lawyers Kent Goss and Valerie Goo moved to the firm's Los Angeles litigation group.

While at Orrick Herrington, Ramsey worked on the team representing Oracle America Inc. in its battle with Google over the Java software code, one of 2016's top five trials of the year.

In 2014, he successfully defended Apple Inc. from claims that it conspired with Amazon.com Inc. to drop an e-retailer selling iPad 2 covers that resembled Apple products.

He has also defended Microsoft Corp. from a 2011 suit accusing it of disadvantaging an e-commerce development company by blocking its emails.

According to Crowell & Moring, Ramsey has the distinction of carrying out the country's first civil action to disable web domains that enabled computer bots to send nearly 1.5 billion spam emails per day, and has also carried out actions to disrupt four financial theft botnets that together were responsible for hundreds of millions of dollars of online account theft.

Ramsey is a member of the Trade Secret Committee of the American Intellectual Property Law Association. He also belongs to Microsoft's Digital Crimes Community, a private network of specialists in digital crimes and security.

In a statement, Ramsey said his new firm is a leader in trade secrets litigation with a "notable presence" in the privacy and cyber space.

"The firm is the right fit for my clients, providing a broad platform to help them solve their most challenging issues. I am thrilled to join the firm," he said.

He told Law360 on Friday that trade secrets, industrial espionage and cybersecurity "increasingly come together to pose a complex threat to high-value intellectual property and assets."

"Along with the team here, I want to help clients build the most effective solutions to these types of problems and risks," he said.

Ramsey got his undergraduate degree from the University of Massachusetts and earned a law degree from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law.

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