

Crowell & Moring To Combine With IP Shop Brinks Gilson

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Law360 (June 24, 2021, 9:26 AM EDT) -- Crowell & Moring LLP is set to combine with Chicago-based intellectual property boutique Brinks Gilson & Lione, the firm announced Thursday, bringing on the century-old law firm's more than 60 attorneys and IP professionals in July.

The move gives Crowell & Moring a physical presence in the Midwest for the first time, with offices in Chicago and Indianapolis. Brinks Gilson also has offices in Washington, D.C.; Research Triangle Park, North Carolina; and Shenzhen, China.

The combined law firm will have more than 625 lawyers in the United States, Europe, Asia, the Middle East and North Africa.

The addition of Brinks Gilson adds deep technical experience and scientific savvy to Crowell & Moring's intellectual property, technology, brand protection, and digital transformation practice areas, the announcement Thursday said.

"This is an extraordinary opportunity to expand our reach with one of the most highly respected IP firms in the nation," Crowell & Moring Chair Philip T. Inglima said. "We are particularly excited about enhancing and extending our collective ability to advise clients on the rapidly evolving areas of their businesses that are affected — and increasingly transformed — by technology and innovation."

Brinks Gilson President Gustavo Siller will co-chair Crowell & Moring's technology and intellectual property department with Cheryl A. Falvey, one of the principal architects of Crowell & Moring's digital transformation and technology practice and former general counsel of the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

"We recognized the significant benefit to our clients and to our practice of joining forces with Crowell & Moring — a firm with shared values and a commitment to exceptional client service," Siller said. "We look forward to collaborating with our new colleagues to offer clients strategic capabilities that align with their complex legal needs at a time of such rapid business change and innovation."

With the addition of the Brinks team, Crowell & Moring will be among the most active technology



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protection firms in the nation, as measured by patent activity tracked by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, the firm said.

"By joining forces, we create a powerful network of talent that will strengthen our combined technology practices," Falvey said. "With doctorates in life sciences, computer science, and electrical engineering, Brinks lawyers know the science inside and out."

The full team joining Crowell & Moring is made up of 61 lawyers — including 27 partners, 11 senior counsel, and 23 counsel and associates — five registered patent agents, and two scientific advisers.

The addition of the professionals from Brinks Gilson comes just two months after another splashy addition by Crowell & Moring of Wall Street boutique Kibbe & Orbe LLP.

That combination provided for the addition of 24 lawyers, including 13 partners, to the law firm's New York, London and Washington, D.C., offices and added strength to the firm's corporate practice.

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