

## Crowell & Moring Adds Tech Pro For London Corporate Team

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*Law360, London (June 9, 2022, 6:26 PM BST)* -- Crowell & Moring LLP has hired a corporate law specialist from Baker Botts LLP in London as it looks to build out its mergers and acquisitions practice with a focus on technology and life sciences transactions.

David Ramm — who joined as a partner Monday — has been brought in to build upon the firm's strengths in heavily regulated industries that are underpinned by technology and intellectual property, London managing partner Robert Weekes said on Wednesday.



Dr. David Ramm

"If you look at David's background, it's tech, pharma and payments, and those are all areas where the firm is very strong in the U.S. and indeed in Brussels. He fits nicely into what we do more globally," he said.

Ramm praised Crowell & Moring's regulatory practice, which he said complements his transactional expertise in heavily regulated industries such as financial technology and payments, as well as life sciences and healthcare.

"More and more of my transactions are in heavily regulated areas. So I need that regulatory expertise on both sides of the Atlantic in order to complete those deals and win those deals," he said.

Weekes said that Ramm — who has more than 20 years of experience practicing law — excels in advising companies that are in the early stages of their development, where they may require advice on the negotiation of finance with venture capital and private equity investors, licensing and other commercial agreements as well as M&A.

"He has a very strong technology background. One of his clients I've spoken to says he has a real ability to translate a technical application into a legal solution that they find very helpful," Weekes said.

Weekes has been on a mission to expand the firm's corporate practice since he joined in 2019, with the practice now including 54 lawyers.

"When I arrived, we had one corporate partner and I quickly identified that this just wasn't enough," he said. "So we've grown pretty significantly over the pandemic years," he said.

Crowell & Moring's ability to attract someone of Ramm's caliber shows how far it has come in the U.K.,  
Weekes added.

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