

Mintz Levin Adds Morgan Lewis Tech Duo In Boston

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Law360 (March 1, 2018, 4:08 PM EST) -- Mintz Levin Cohn Ferris Glovsky and Popeo PC has hired a pair of Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP partners who have represented technology, life sciences and startup companies in complex corporate transactions, expanding the firm's technology team in Boston, the firm announced.

William S. Perkins and Dinesh K. Melwani are joining Mintz Levin as members in its corporate and securities section, where they will help lead the firm's Boston technology initiative, according to a Tuesday statement from the firm. Perkins and Melwani told Law360 on Thursday that they were both drawn to Mintz Levin due to its entrepreneurial spirit and its broad platform to serve their clients and said they saw the move as a great opportunity to help grow the firm's strong team in Boston.

"The Mintz Levin platform provides such a great value to our emerging clients. That, coupled together with its stellar technology and life sciences brand, made it an extremely appealing practice," Melwani said.

Perkins has more than 20 years of experience representing clients in seed and venture financings, mergers and acquisitions and other corporate transactions, according to Mintz Levin. During his career, he has closed more than \$1 billion in strategic investments for leading global technology businesses, the firm said.

Meanwhile, Melwani, who is fluent in French, Hindi and Sindhi, has also counseled domestic and international public and private companies in mergers and acquisitions, seed and venture capital financings and general corporate matters, according to the firm.

As a team, the pair has collaborated with clients in multiple deals, including one in which they represented a global e-commerce client in connection with Flipkart's \$1.4 billion investment round. As a part of the transaction, their client sold its India-based e-commerce business to Flipkart.

The duo also regularly works with company founders on how to best strategically form and finance their companies, and they guest lecture on those topics at multiple business schools in the Boston area, including the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Sloan School of Management and Tufts University.

Bob Bodian, managing member of Mintz Levin, said the pair are highly regarded in their field and they bring significant experience to the firm, which will supplement its existing tech practice in Boston and its emerging companies practice nationally.

"Their entrepreneurial spirit and collaborative approach to client service make them a great fit for the firm," Bodian said in a statement.

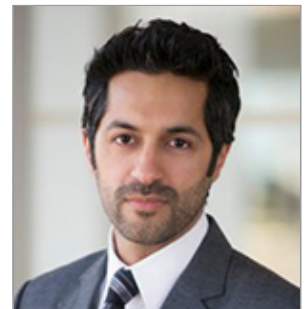
Michael L. Fantozzi, managing member of the Boston office, added that Perkins and Melwani's years of experience give them an insider's knowledge of the tech and entrepreneurial communities, especially in New England.

"We're excited to welcome them to the firm," he said.

Perkins has an undergraduate degree from Harvard College and a law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law, while Melwani has law degrees from McGill University and an undergraduate degree



William S. Perkins



Dinesh K. Melwani

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