

Mintz Levin Nabs Perkins Coie Patent Atty For NY Office

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Law360, San Francisco (August 8, 2017, 5:21 PM EDT) -- Mintz Levin Cohn Ferris Glovsky and Popeo PC has hired as member a Perkins Coie LLP patent attorney with more than a decade of experience advising life sciences companies, medical device businesses, financial services and fintech companies throughout the life cycle of intellectual property development, the firm said Tuesday.

Sean Grygiel is joining the firm's IP practice in New York after specializing in assisting clients from the idea stage of IP development through commercialization, he told Law360 Monday. Grygiel moved to the firm because it's seen "terrific growth" over the past couple of years, and it's tied into entrepreneurial markets on the East and West coasts, he said. That gives him a great platform to grow and serve his clients, particularly in the early stages of product development and through the exit stage, Grygiel said.



Sean Grygiel

"The fact that Mintz has a pretty deep bench in those areas makes it a great place," he said.

Grygiel is experienced in preparing and prosecuting patents and trademarks and drafting agreements related to licensing deals, acquisitions, joint ventures, financing and employment, according to Mintz Levin.

Among his accomplishments, Grygiel has helped negotiate a complex cross-license settlement valued at \$22 million, according to his LinkedIn profile. He's also helped guide clients on developing a strategic patent portfolio, eventually yielding a \$2.4 million settlement and buyout. Additionally, he's helped a client evaluate a patent portfolio involving more than 1,600 patent claims and multiple licenses that resulted in a net savings of over \$15 million and withdrawal from unnecessary license negotiations.

Grygiel served as a lieutenant and marine engineer in the United States Coast Guard, and he gained first-hand IP experience in the startup world as a co-founder and CEO of Xcellasave Inc., a wireless technology startup focused on mobile content delivery, according to Mintz Levin.

In 2006, he joined Fish & Richardson PC, where he practiced as an attorney and principal for more than 12 years, his LinkedIn profile says. He joined Perkins Coie in 2014, the profile says.

Grygiel has an undergraduate degree from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and a law degree from the George Washington University Law School.

Mintz Levin Managing Member Bob Bodian said Tuesday that Grygiel's experience building a company from the ground up, along with the many years he's spent counseling enterprises, make him a great addition to the firm's national IP practice.

"Sean is the latest, significant addition to our strong and growing New York presence and the expanding national IP practice," Bodian said in a statement.

Grygiel is the fifth high-profile member to join the office this year, according to Mintz Levin. In the past several months, Mintz Levin's New York office has hired as members litigation attorneys Therese Doherty and Christopher Sullivan, as well as Anthony Marsico, who specializes in corporate finance, and Anthony Mulrain, who's a sports and entertainment lawyer.

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