

Mintz Levin Snags Ex-Foley IP Partner In San Diego

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Law360, San Francisco (October 18, 2017, 6:38 PM EDT) -- Mintz Levin Cohn Ferris Glovsky and Popeo PC has hired a former Foley & Lardner LLP intellectual property partner who has represented a range of pharmaceutical, technology and medical device companies, bolstering its national IP practice, the firm said recently.

Marc T. Morley, who joined Mintz Levin's San Diego office Monday, built his career counseling clients on patent and trademark strategies and managing and prosecuting complex IP portfolios, according to the firm's Oct. 16 announcement. Morley has also advised clients on licensing and due diligence, the announcement said.

Morley told Law360 on Wednesday that he saw his move to Mintz Levin as a great opportunity due to its "incredibly deep bench" and its impressive life sciences practice. He said that he's been a fan of Mintz Levin from afar for quite some time and that there are many attorneys at the firm he has always wanted to work with to better serve his clients.



Marc Morley

"The stars came into alignment and I'm thrilled to be here," Morley said, adding that the firm's reputation precedes it and that his clients have been very happy with his move.

During his career, Morley has represented a variety of clients from early stage startups to established tech companies, research institutions and venture capital and investment firms. He has advised clients in the pharmaceutical, clean energy and biotechnology industries and in the action sports and software industries, among others, according to Mintz Levin.

Morley was hired by Foley & Lardner LLP **in 2013** from Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear LLP, where he helped clients craft patent portfolios to protect their technological developments and maximize their business opportunities. Morley also worked as a development associate for a California-based biopharmaceutical firm, Scios Inc.

Outside his practice, Morley has served as the president of the San Diego Intellectual Property Law Association and as the chair of the IP section of the San Diego County Bar Association, according to Mintz Levin. He also was an adjunct professor at the University of San Diego School of Law where he taught patent law, and he taught courses in patent prosecution and biotechnology patent law at the University of California, San Diego.

Mintz Levin Managing Member Bob Bodian said in a statement Monday that Morley has the skills and expertise to make him a great addition to the firm and that he perfectly complements its life sciences, technology and health care practices.

"We are delighted to welcome Marc to the firm," Bodian said.

Morley has a law degree from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, and an undergraduate degree from Brigham Young University. He is the fourth IP hire to join the firm this year following the arrivals of Alex Trimble and Steve Akerley in San Francisco and Sean Grygiel **in New York**, according to Mintz Levin. Overall, Mintz Levin has more than 120 IP professionals

practicing in offices in the United States and Europe.

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