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## Benesch Continues Growth With Chicago-Based IP Partner

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Law360 (July 1, 2021, 4:48 PM EDT) -- Benesch Friedlander Coplan & Aronoff LLP has added an experienced intellectual property attorney with a focus on patent law as a partner in its Chicago office, continuing its strategy of aggressive lateral recruitment, the firm announced Wednesday.

Mircea Tipescu joined Benesch's litigation practice after four years with Michael Best & Friedrich LLP and 16 years with Brinks Gilson & Lione. Tipescu told Law360 on Thursday that he joined the firm because of its strategic growth and entrepreneurial spirit.

"Mircea is a strong addition to our team," Benesch IP Chair Kal Shah said in a statement. "He is a seasoned and versatile litigator and adapts his core strategy to fit his clients' business needs and objectives. Not only that, Mircea's ability to winnow cases to key strategic issues and evidence is extraordinary."



Mircea Tipescu

Tipescu, a graduate of George Washington University Law School, works mainly in patent litigation and preparation, helping clients with counseling, prosecution and licensing, among other procedures. He's also represented clients in federal court and before the U.S. International Trade Commission.

With bachelor's and master's degrees in mechanical engineering, Tipescu originally planned to become an engineer. He said he decided to pursue patent law after working on a project that involved applying for a patent.

"I was at a crossroads in terms of my engineering career," he said. "In the course of working that project, I got to know a little more about patent law, and the next thing I know, I found myself in law school. It was a decision between law school and business school and ultimately law school won out."

Tipescu said that what he enjoys most about working in patent law is the ability to combine his legal expertise with his engineering background on any given case or project, a best-of-both-worlds scenario.

"It really is the excitement of being in the legal profession, but in the context of an engineering or technical background that forces you to apply your knowledge and understanding to simplifying issues for nontechnical people in a way that also wins the legal argument," he said. "It's a unique intersection of law and technology that you can't find in other areas of law."

For several years, the Ohio-based firm has pursued an **aggressive strategy of lateral recruitment**, with particular emphasis on its litigation practice and its Chicago office, which launched in 2015 and today is home to nearly 40 partners, including Tipescu.

In 2021 alone, Benesch has added over 20 attorneys, including litigation partners Matthew Nirider and James Thompson, who joined its Chicago and San Francisco offices, respectively, in May.

Benesch currently has nearly 300 attorneys located in Cleveland; Chicago; Columbus, Ohio; San Francisco; Wilmington, Delaware; Hackensack, New Jersey; New York; Philadelphia; Wheeling, West Virginia; and Shanghai, according to the firm's website.

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