

## Windy City Shuffle: Crowell & Moring, Benesch, Ballard Spahr

By **Celeste Bott**

Law360 (April 22, 2022, 4:44 PM EDT) -- In Law360's occasional roundup of Chicago lawyers' latest moves, Crowell & Moring has hired a brand protection litigator, Benesch has promoted and added new partners in the intellectual property and corporate spaces, and Ballard Spahr has nabbed a patent litigator.

Skadden has also beefed up its corporate practice with a former White & Case LLP partner focused on leveraged buyouts for private equity funds, while Fisher Phillips has added a top litigator to its labor and employment ranks.

And Manatt recently announced it's recently expanded its tax incentive financing capabilities with a new partner in its Chicago office.

Here's a closer look at attorneys' latest moves around the Windy City.

### **Crowell & Moring**



Jason P. Stiehl

Jason P. Stiehl brings more than two decades of experience representing companies in commercial litigation to Crowell & Moring LLP, where he joins the firm's litigation and technology and brand protection practice groups.

He's one of the latest additions to the firm's Chicago office, which formed in July after combining with intellectual property powerhouse Brinks Gilson & Lione.

Stiehl's legal work has a particular focus on corporate espionage, trade secrets and restrictive covenants, the firm said, adding that he has significant trial experience in those areas.

His experience includes advising major corporations in consumer fraud, false advertising and mislabeling disputes and representing clients in multidistrict litigation alleging violations of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act, state and federal antitrust laws and more.

His work intellectual property experience will boost the firm's brand protection presence and his knowledge of technology and innovation sectors aligns with the office's "deep IP capabilities," according to the firm.

Stiehl received his undergraduate degree from Trinity University and his law degree from Chicago-Kent College of Law.

## **Benesch**



Andrew Maratea



Manish K. Mehta

Benesch Friedlander Coplan & Aronoff recently welcomed partner Andrew Maratea to its corporate and securities practice group and named intellectual property attorney Manish K. Mehta as partner-

in-charge of the firm's Windy City office.

Maratea's practice focuses on general corporate matters, commercial real estate transactions and mergers and acquisitions, according to the firm.

He also serves as outside general counsel to both private companies and family offices, and clients range from private equity firms to entrepreneurs and developers, Benesch said.

He received his undergraduate degree from Arizona State University and his law degree from Loyola University.

Mehta, meanwhile, now steps into a role that's been occupied for seven years by David Pope, who co-chairs Benesch's class action practice, where he'll help lead the current Chicago team while also supporting the firm's continued growth and reputation in Chicago's legal market, the firm said.

His practice focuses on intellectual property litigation, post-grant reviews and patent prosecution and counseling, and he develops and manages IP portfolios for various clients, according to Benesch.

"Manish has consistently demonstrated strong leadership skills and I'm confident he will continue to drive the success of our Chicago office as partner-in-charge," Gregg Eisenberg, the firm's managing partner, said in a statement.

## **Skadden**



Raymond Bogenrief

Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP announced that Raymond Bogenrief has joined its M&A and private equity practice groups.

Bogenrief drew praise from firm leaders who point to his collaborative workstyle and a wide range of experience.

That experience includes leveraged buyouts for private equity funds and finance-related work such as venture capital investments, equity and debt financings, recapitalizations and restructurings, executive compensation and more, according to the firm.

"Having worked directly with Skadden attorneys throughout my career, I am thrilled to join such a highly regarded firm and look forward to contributing to its capabilities in a broad scope of [transactional] matters," Bogenrief said in a written statement.

Past work includes advising the blank-check company dMY Technology Group Inc. in its \$1.78 billion business combination with casino and sports betting company Rush Street Interactive and steering private equity firm Victory Park Capital through numerous transactions, according to the firm.

He received his undergraduate degree from Northwestern University and his law degree from Washington University in St. Louis.

### **Fisher Phillips**



Daniel Lanciloti

Daniel Lanciloti has been hired as a partner in the Chicago office of Fisher Phillips, where he joins after stints at Freeborn & Peters LLP and Seyfarth Shaw LLP.

Bringing more than 25 years of experience to his new role, that work has included representing employers in restrictive covenant and trade secrets litigation in courts across the country and navigating clients in a variety of industries through cases seeking speedy injunctive relief, including motions for temporary restraining orders and preliminary injunctions, the firm said.

He's also racked up jury and bench trial wins in Illinois state and federal courts in complex commercial litigation and employment discrimination cases, according to Fisher Phillips.

His experience also includes service as an assistant attorney general in the Illinois Attorney General's General Law Bureau.

"Daniel is a top-rated litigator known for defending and prosecuting all aspects of workplace disputes involving non-competition, non-solicitation, and trade secret misappropriation," said Craig Annunziata, the regional managing partner of the firm's Chicago office, in a statement. "His litigation prowess in these areas will be a great complement to our Chicago bench, and we are thrilled to have a lawyer of his caliber joining our team."

Lanciloti received his undergraduate degree from Knox College and his law degree from Valparaiso University School of Law.

## **Ballard Spahr**



Caryn Borg-Breen

Ballard Spahr LLP has nabbed Caryn Borg-Breen, a patent litigator with more than two decades of experience in intellectual property practice, as a new partner based in Chicago.

She comes from the boutique firm Green Griffith & Borg-Breen LLP, where she was a founding partner and where she advised biotechnology, chemical and pharmaceutical companies.

Much of her practice in recent years has been in Hatch-Waxman litigation representing brand pharmaceutical companies against generic abbreviated new drug application filers in matters pending in the District of Delaware and District of New Jersey, the firm said, noting that her skill in that area makes her a great fit for the firm's national IP team.

Borg-Breen has also served as lead trial counsel in multiple patent trials in federal courts and in appeals before the Federal Circuit, and she has extensive experience drafting and negotiating patent licensing agreements, according to Ballard Spahr.

"Ballard Spahr has a deep bench of talent and has built one of the top intellectual property practices in the country," Borg-Breen said in a statement. "I'm thrilled to be joining this accomplished team and working with them to find solutions for our clients."

She received her undergraduate degree from the College of William & Mary, a doctorate degree in chemistry from the University of North Carolina and her law degree from Northwestern University.

## **Manatt**



Sameer V. Patel

Manatt Phelps & Phillips LLP has announced the addition of financial services partner Sameer V. Patel in its Chicago office, saying he will strengthen the firm's work in driving social impact investments for clients that include institutional and corporate investors, community development entities and real estate developers.

Citing Patel's experience aiding clients in high-impact tax incentive deals, the firm's managing partner says his presence at Manatt will help cement its position as a "go-to adviser" for transactions "in this quickly evolving and impactful space."

His legal work includes advising clients through Opportunity Zone investments, low-income housing and historic rehabilitation tax credit matters, the firm said.

In a statement, Patel said it was Manatt's reputation in the financial services space, along with "its strategic vision, fast-moving upward trajectory and collegial spirit" that drove him to make the move from Holland & Knight LLP.

He received his undergraduate degree from DePaul University and his law degree from Southern Methodist University's Dedman School of Law.

--Editing by Andrew Cohen.