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Morgan Lewis adds Technology Transactions Partner in Palo Alto

PALO ALTO, December 1, 2003 -- Morgan Lewis, one of the 10 largest U.S. law firms, today announced that **Rahul Kapoor** is joining the Business and Finance practice as partner. He will reside in the Palo Alto office and will serve clients throughout northern California and the U.S. He joins a cadre of Morgan Lewis partners, throughout the Firm, who have deep experience in technology transactions.

Kapoor, who previously worked with the lawyers who established Morgan Lewis' practice in the Bay Area, has deep transactional experience in strategic alliances, joint ventures, corporate partnering transactions, standards body licensing structures, intellectual property strategic counseling, technology licensing, technology transfers, patent portfolio development, electronic commerce and privacy, supply and distribution agreements, consignment agreements, spin-outs and core technology licenses, as well as intellectual property due diligence issues in connection with mergers, acquisitions, IPOs and corporate financings.

Kapoor has a degree in electrical engineering and prior to practicing law spent six years as an engineer in the systems integration arena. He began his engineering career at a venture-backed startup company which was acquired by a Fortune 100 company. This experience gives Kapoor a deep technical background and a comprehensive understanding of the business and technology markets. This, combined with his substantive legal knowledge of intellectual property law, allows Kapoor to provide clients with a wide range of practical legal and business advice.

“We have known and worked with Rahul for years and are thrilled he is joining Morgan Lewis,” said Tom Kellerman, Managing Partner of the Palo Alto office. “He has a sophisticated understanding of the underlying technology, and the needs of clients who seek to protect their intellectual property and commercialize their products,” Kellerman added.

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Kapoor received a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering from Washington University, and a J.D. degree from the University of Wisconsin School of Law where he was Editor-in-Chief of the *University of Wisconsin International Law Journal*. In addition to his law practice, Kapoor teaches an intellectual property strategy class at Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California at Berkeley. Kapoor has also published legal articles, including, “Yes, It’s Brain Surgery... Venture Capitalists are Dissecting Intellectual Property Assets and Strategies Like Never Before,” *Corporate Counsel* (May 2001).

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