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## **Olivier Edwards Joins Morgan Lewis's Business and Finance Practice in Paris**

PARIS, March 2, 2009: Morgan Lewis today announced the addition of Olivier Edwards—one of France's leading venture capital attorneys—as a partner in its Business and Finance Practice in Paris. Mr. Edwards will also lead the firm's Emerging Business and Technology Practice initiative in Europe.

His arrival reflects Morgan Lewis's continued commitment to meeting the legal needs of corporate and emerging growth clients in Europe. Accompanying Mr. Edwards from Jones Day, where he led that firm's venture capital practice, will be of counsel Catherine Muyl and associate Geraldine Garcia.

During his three-decade career, Mr. Edwards has represented venture capital funds and their portfolio companies, as well as technology companies on emerging business opportunities and related transactions. He serves clients in the high-tech and biotech sectors, as well as industrial or service-oriented clients in the wine and spirits, fresh products transportation, tourism, automobile, and men's and women's wear industries.

Mr. Edwards began practicing law at the Giroux firm in 1973, where he stayed until joining Jones Day in 2000.

"We are thrilled to welcome Olivier to Morgan Lewis," said David W. Pollak, leader of Morgan Lewis's Business and Finance Practice. "His vast and proven experience in venture capital law provides an exciting opportunity to continue strengthening our firm's European transactional practice."

In addition to his legal career, Mr. Edwards co-founded two nonprofit organizations—CroissancePlus and IE-Club—which are dedicated to companies with high-growth potential. He currently serves as president of the Legal and Tax Committee at CroissancePlus and as a member of the Executive Committee at the IE-Club. He also is a member of France Biotech.

Edwards, Muyl, and Garcia join a Business and Finance team that spans the United States, Europe, and Asia, with more than 300 transactional lawyers who focus on a wide variety of areas, including mergers and acquisitions, private equity, finance, and capital markets.

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The Paris office is one of four Morgan Lewis offices in Europe; the firm's other European offices are in London, Frankfurt, and Brussels. With top-tier clients and broad experience across industries, Morgan Lewis's Paris office dramatically strengthens the firm's European and international services, particularly in the areas of mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance, tax, corporate governance, labor and employment, litigation, public and environmental law, antitrust, and now emerging growth. Last year, the inaugural edition of *Chambers Europe* recognized Morgan Lewis in a number of practice areas, including "Venture Capital: Private Equity" in France.

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