

Morgan Lewis Adds WilmerHale Partners In Silicon Valley

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Law360 (August 2, 2018, 5:24 PM EDT) -- Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP has hired a pair of WilmerHale partners who advise technology and life sciences clients on complex deals to add to its global corporate transactions team in Silicon Valley, the firm said on Wednesday.

Eric Hwang will practice out of the firm's San Francisco and Silicon Valley offices and Christopher Rose will practice out of its Century City and Silicon Valley offices, according to Morgan Lewis.



Eric Hwang

During his career, Hwang has completed more than 60 transactions worth more than \$30 billion, according to his profile on WilmerHale's site. His clients have included German pharmaceutical company Merck KGaA in its acquisition of worldwide rights to a molecule counting technology from Singulex Inc. and Alphabet Inc.'s investment fund called CapitalG, the site says.

Hwang has also represented Khazanah Nasional Berhad, the sovereign wealth fund of Malaysia, in multiple investments, including its investment in Peter Thiel's big data analytics software company, Palantir Technologies.

Before joining Morgan Lewis, Hwang was a partner at WilmerHale for more than two years, a partner at White & Case LLP for more than three years and an associate at Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP for more than three years, according to his LinkedIn profile. He also served as in-house counsel and director of corporate development at Oracle Corp., where he represented the tech giant in more than two dozen acquisitions, his profile says.

Rose joins Morgan Lewis after representing corporate venture capital investors and their portfolio companies at WilmerHale. He has also advised clients on mergers and acquisition matters, initial public offerings and private equity investments, as well compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

During his career, Rose served as associate general counsel at Fidelity National Financial, where he worked on dozens of acquisitions, according to his profile on the WilmerHale site. He also served as general counsel and senior vice president of corporate development at Coda Holdings, a maker of electric vehicles, where he negotiated a deal to partner with China's Great Wall Motor Co. Ltd. to develop electric batteries and electric vehicles and led the acquisition of EnergyCS.

Firm Chair Jami McKeon said Hwang and Rose will help clients understand what it takes to craft a successful deal.

"They exemplify the entrepreneurial spirit of California, and will work with our clients on all aspects of growing and developing their businesses, from initial financing and startup through acquisition and sale," McKeon said in a statement.

Morgan Lewis has more than 2,200 lawyers and professionals working out of 30 offices across North America, Asia, Europe and the Middle East, according to the firm.

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