

Another Dechert IP Atty Leaves, This Time For Morgan Lewis

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Law360 (December 16, 2025, 11:08 AM EST) -- Morgan Lewis LLP has added another departing member of the Dechert LLP intellectual property team, who joins the firm in Boston after Dechert's global intellectual property practice co-chair, two partners, and a total of 30 professionals moving to Cooley LLP last week.

Chad Davis has joined Morgan Lewis, where he'll work with the firm's intellectual property practice as a partner. He has a doctorate degree in organic chemistry and helps counsel and implement patent strategies for biotech, pharmaceutical and chemical companies, the firm said.



Chad E. Davis

He first joined Dechert in 2018 alongside Katherine A. Helm, who Dechert announced in August would help co-chair the global IP practice alongside Andrea L.C. Reid — one of several of the attorneys who left last week for Cooley, alongside Andrew Wilkins and John Rearick.

Davis, Reid, Wilkins and Rearick overlapped for several years while at Dechert.

When asked whether Reid, Wilkins and Rearick's departures from Dechert affected his decision to leave the platform, Davis told Law360 Pulse in an email Monday that he wanted to join Morgan Lewis because of its "exceptional IP and life sciences platform, its collaborative and client-focused culture, and the opportunity to work within a truly integrated, global team."

"This move has been in development for some time, and my focus throughout has been on finding the best environment to serve clients and grow my practice," he said.

Davis' work also includes advising companies on a broad range of technologies, like small molecule and biologic therapeutics, drug delivery platforms, and diagnostic technologies. The firm said Davis works with investors to reinforce exclusivity protections and position novel scientific concepts for successful commercialization.

Davis worked as a technology specialist at Foley Hoag LLP before earning his law degree from Boston College Law School and joining Goodwin Procter LLP, according to his LinkedIn profile. He spent more than 11 ½ years at that firm, was made partner in 2012, then moved to Dechert six years later.

Morgan Lewis said that in the past 18 months, it has hired eight IP litigation partners throughout its offices. In September, the firm hired a team of Knobbe Martens litigators as partners in its offices in

Seattle and Orange County, California.

Jami McKeon, Morgan Lewis' chair, said in a statement that Boston, "continues to be a dynamic global market for life sciences innovation," and that the firm remained committed to investing in talent in that region.

"Widely regarded for translating complex concepts into practical and effective IP strategies, Chad contributes cross-disciplinary insight and a client-first approach that will provide meaningful value to companies amid accelerating biotech breakthroughs, regulatory activity, and IP competition," McKeon said.

Louis Beardell Jr., the head of Morgan Lewis's global IP practice, said in a statement that the firm has seen an expansion in its IP practice, including growing in "UK and European jurisdictions such as London, Munich, and Paris."

"Chad's life sciences patent experience aligns well with that momentum, particularly as demand for sophisticated IP counsel in Boston intensifies," he said. "Chad's addition not only builds on our high-end prosecution and strategic advisory capabilities in life sciences but also enhances the collaborative work we do across our offices to support clients in highly technical and highly regulated life science sectors."

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