

## Morgan Lewis Brings On 3 More Knobbe Martens IP Attys

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*Law360 (September 8, 2025, 4:49 PM EDT)* -- Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP has continued expanding its intellectual property team, announcing Monday it is bringing in another team of IP litigators from Knobbe Martens as partners in its West Coast offices in Seattle and Orange County, California.

Colin Heideman and Christine Matthaei have joined Morgan Lewis' Seattle office, and Jeremy Anapol has joined the Orange County office in Costa Mesa, California. All three were partners at the IP-focused firm Knobbe Martens.

The trio joining Morgan Lewis comes just seven months after another team of five Knobbe Martens IP litigators moved to Morgan Lewis in the West Coast offices.

In an email, Heideman told Law360 he is happy to work with his former colleagues again, but that was not a major factor in his move to Morgan Lewis.

"My decision to join Morgan Lewis was based primarily on its deep litigation bench, its commitment to expanding that practice and its dedication to serving common clients," Heideman said. "Of course, it is great to reunite with my former colleagues."

He said he likes the fact that Morgan Lewis offers a larger platform to grow his practice.

"We greatly appreciate the client-focused approach of Morgan Lewis's IP practice," Heideman said. "With a proven IP litigation practice, backed by the firm's global footprint and deep scientific/technical bench, we believe this team offers a comprehensive platform to support clients as they deal with the increasingly complex nature of IP disputes. It's an exciting opportunity to join such a large and dynamic yet strongly connected practice to support our clients with their IP litigation needs."

He expects IP litigation to increase as tech companies continue developing new products, Heideman added.

"Tech companies are navigating increasingly sophisticated and well-funded patent infringement plaintiffs, and recent changes at the [U.S. Patent and Trademark Office] are reshaping the landscape for patent challenges," Heideman said. "Clients need outside counsel who have a firm understanding of the technology at issue and can provide the most efficient path to resolution, while at



Colin Heideman



Jeremy Anapol



Christie Matthaei

the same time effectively preparing the case for trial if necessary. The key is to develop strategies that win cases and protect innovation."

Heideman primarily handles patent cases for technology and medical device companies. He earned his law degree in 2005 from Vanderbilt Law School and joined Knobbe Martens shortly after that.

Matthaei handles IP disputes, with a focus on patent litigation. She earned her law degree in 2011 from George Washington University Law School and joined Knobbe Martens shortly after graduation.

Anapol handles patent litigation and intellectual property rights involving computer hardware and software. He earned his law degree in 2012 from UCLA School of Law and joined Knobbe Martens after graduation.

Louis W. Beardell Jr., leader of Morgan Lewis's global IP practice, said in a statement Monday it is important to grow the IP team to meet increased client demands.

"As technology companies advance in fast-moving, high-stakes global markets, the expansion of our IP litigation team reinforces a platform focused on full-spectrum IP support," Beardell said. "Our integrated US and international growth strengthens a 200+ lawyer global IP practice positioned to deliver strategic protection for innovations and brands across key commercial hubs."

With the arrival of Heideman, Matthaei and Anapol, Morgan Lewis has added 11 IP partners since the start of the year. In addition to the five Knobbe Martens attorneys who joined in February, a group of three IP attorneys from Perkins Coie LLP joined the New York and Washington, D.C., offices in April.

Morgan Lewis chair Jami McKeon said in a statement Monday, "The continued expansion of our IP team on the West Coast reflects our commitment to meeting the evolving needs of clients seeking sophisticated counsel in a region where innovation and competition intersect. This accomplished trio enhances our litigation bench, strengthens our capabilities across key markets, and deepens long-standing relationships with shared clients."

Morgan Lewis was founded in 1873 in Philadelphia and today has more than 2,200 attorneys across 32 offices worldwide, including 18 in the United States.

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