

Mayer Brown Scores Kilpatrick Patent Litigation Pro

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Law360, New York (September 11, 2012, 1:54 PM ET) -- Mayer Brown LLP has bolstered its intellectual property group by luring to its New York office a former Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP partner, the firm announced last week.

Mayer Brown has hired Amr Aly, who most recently served as a partner at Kilpatrick and has a range of litigation experience in several industries with a particular focus on patent matters, Mayer Brown said in a Sept. 5 statement.

John Mancini, co-leader of Mayer Brown's intellectual practice group, said adding a patent litigator like Aly, who has a strong background in intellectual property matters across the technology and pharmaceutical industries, served as a way to enhance the firm's already strong IP practice.

"With more than 16 years of trial experience in patent litigation, Amr's addition continues to build upon the depth and strength of our intellectual property practice and further enhances our capabilities to service our clients' needs in patent litigation, particularly in the technology and pharmaceutical sectors," Mancini said.

Aly also has experience across a range of fields, with clients in the telecommunications, data encryption and security, biotechnology, banking, and pharmaceutical industries, Mayer Brown said. He has worked on complex cases that have included matters brought by multiple parties and in multidistrict litigation, and has experience before the Federal Circuit.

Aly, who started with his new firm Sept. 4, told Law360 on Tuesday that he was drawn to Mayer Brown in part because the firm has an "excellent reputation in the industry" and attorneys with a range of both litigation and technological expertise that will help him serve clients that operate in different industries and in a variety of locations throughout the eastern and western parts of the U.S.

"There are several reasons I decided to join Mayer Brown," Aly said. "One is the depth and breadth of their practice."

He said the move also offered him a chance to enter an expanding practice group, which would give him opportunities for client development.

"I'm excited by the fact that I am joining a growing practice," said Aly. "There's room to grow."

Aly, who spent more than a decade working for engineering companies prior to law school, is a named inventor on U.S. Patent Number 4,999,225, titled "Powder thermal spray method for spraying nonmeltable materials," the firm said.

He was also on the U.S. national soccer team from 1980 to 1987, and was a member of the American team that played in the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles.

Mayer Brown's intellectual property group has attorneys spread throughout the U.S. and abroad in places like London and Frankfurt, Germany, according to the firm.

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