

Mayer Brown Nabs FDA Expert From Jones Day In DC

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Law360, Washington (July 20, 2015, 1:46 PM ET) -- Mayer Brown LLP has added to its Washington, D.C., office a U.S. Food and Drug Administration-focused partner with vast experience in patent, false advertising and other food and drug-related litigation, regulatory and policy issues, the firm has announced.

Christopher Mikson has joined the firm's litigation and dispute resolution practice from Jones Day, where he had served as counsel since January 2014, according to the firm's July 15 announcement.

Mikson, who is qualified as both an attorney and as a medical doctor, focuses his practice on a range of litigation, regulatory, legislative and intellectual property matters, mainly across the health care and life sciences industries. He serves a variety of clients, including medical device makers and biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies, among others.



Christopher Mikson

He praised the firm in a statement announcing his move, noting both its “comprehensive platform” that he said would complement his existing FDA practice, as well as the opportunity for “tremendous synergies” with the firm's existing roster of patent litigators that he claimed would enable him to expand his patent litigation practice.

“I look forward to collaborating closely with my new colleagues and contributing to the growth of the D.C. office and our regulatory and [intellectual property] work,” Mikson said.

Mike Lackey, leader of Mayer Brown's global litigation and dispute resolution practice, similarly praised Mikson in his own statement on the lateral move, saying the firm was “delighted” to welcome someone with Mikson's broad practice and crossover skills, and that Mikson would be a strong asset to the firm's clients looking to take on complex FDA issues.

“As a physician, registered patent attorney and experienced trial lawyer, Chris brings unique experience in clinical medicine, basic science and the law,” Lackey said.

Across his years of experience, Mikson has pursued many patent and other complex cases before the

courts and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, handled both pre- and post-market matters before the FDA and related transactional matters, and has had a hand in drafting federal legislation involving food and therapeutic products.

His experience also extends to matters of product labeling and promotion, including court litigation and proceedings before both the National Advertising Division of the Council of Better Business Bureaus and the Federal Trade Commission.

Mikson, who received his medical degree from Jefferson Medical College after completing the Post Baccalaureate Premedical Program at the University of Pennsylvania and his law degree from the Rutgers School of Law – Camden, has also previously taught patent and FDA law. Prior to his stint at Jones Day, he had worked at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP and at Saul Ewing LLP.

He joins more than 30 others who have made lateral moves to Mayer Brown's D.C. office in the last 18 months, as the firm seeks to rapidly grow its presence in the capital, including his former Jones Day colleague and fellow FDA attorney Mark Mansour, who joined the firm in June, also as a partner in its litigation and dispute resolution practice.

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