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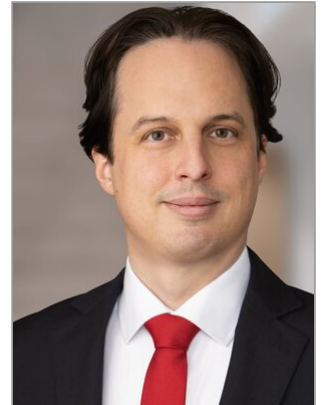
Morgan Lewis Hires IP Pro From Baker McKenzie In Munich

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Law360, London (January 6, 2025, 1:56 PM GMT) -- Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP said Monday it has recruited a senior patent litigator from Baker McKenzie in Germany to enhance its intellectual property offering to clients, particularly in disputes involving technology and life sciences.

The U.S. law firm said that it has hired Alexander Ritter as a partner in its office in Munich, after he had previously served as the chair of Baker McKenzie's German patent litigation practice. The new recruit joined Morgan Lewis on Jan. 1, according to a spokesperson for the firm.

Jami McKeon, the chair of Morgan Lewis, said in a statement that the law firm's clients "operate at the forefront of their industries and face extraordinary challenges in protecting their innovations, especially across borders."



Alexander Ritter

"Alex's arrival will have an immediate and significant impact for our clients intersecting the complexities of patent disputes in Germany, across Europe, and beyond," she added.

Ritter spent around a decade at Baker McKenzie, having joined the firm in 2015, according to his profile on LinkedIn. The lawyer has also previously practiced at Preu Bohligh & Partner Rechtsanwälte mbB, a German firm that advises clients on IP law, pharmaceutical and medical device law and food supplements law. He has a master's degree in computer science.

The new Morgan Lewis partner is experienced in infringement proceedings before German and EU patent infringement courts and patent office oppositions. He also advises clients on IP-related corporate transactions.

"Amid the EU's move to the Unitary Patent system, Germany is expected to be a primary venue in Europe for patent litigation, and I value the opportunity to collaborate with fellow Morgan Lewis IP lawyers to help our clients in navigating complex and often cross border challenges by providing a European-wide approach," Ritter said in an emailed statement to Law360 on Monday.

Morgan Lewis has added other lawyers to its global IP and patent litigation offering in recent months. It **hired Tim Powell**, a patent litigator based in London, as a partner in October. He co-founded London-based IP boutique Powell Gilbert. Another partner in the English capital, Hiroshi Sheraton, joined Morgan Lewis from Baker McKenzie in September.

Elsewhere, Morgan Lewis added IP litigation partners Alexander Klett and Christoph Mikyska in Munich from Reed Smith LLP in July.

Morgan Lewis hasn't only been expanding in IP, and it has bigger plans to develop its legal services in Europe.

It **took on a team** of 54 lawyers from the Paris office of Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP, bringing the total number of lawyers at the firm in the French capital to around 70. They joined on Jan. 1.

Herbert Smith Freehills and Kramer Levin had announced in November that they **plan to merge** to form a law firm that will be called Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer and will have more than \$2

billion in combined revenues. But HSF said in November that Kramer Levin's Paris office **would not be included** in the merger, which has a proposed launch date of May 1.

The Kramer Levin team that moved to Morgan Lewis in Paris was led by corporate partner Dana Anagnostou and private equity partner Sébastien Pontillo, who served as co-leaders of the base in the French capital.

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