

Latham Lures Skadden's IP Litigation Leader as Firms Ramp Up Patent Recruiting

Anthony Sammi was named global vice chair of Latham's IP litigation practice, bolstering the firm's trial and tech-facing practices.

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Amid heightened competition in Big Law for IP litigators, Latham & Watkins said Monday it added Anthony Sammi, the head of IP litigation at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, to its New York office.

Latham said Sammi is now global vice chair of Latham's IP litigation practice and a partner in the litigation and trial department. He previously served at Skadden for over two decades.

Sammi "has a well-earned reputation as a powerhouse IP lawyer, with an excellent track record both in and out of the courtroom," David Callahan, global chair of Latham's IP litigation practice, said in a statement.

Sammi brings experience in patent, trade secrets, trademark and copyright matters related to technology. He represents clients in technologies such

as video games, software, health care, telecommunications, consumer goods, pharmaceuticals and oil and gas, the firm said in a release.

"Latham's recognition of the importance of technology and how it impacts all aspects of the legal practice was a real draw for me," Sammi said in a statement. A Skadden representative could not immediately comment.

Competition for top IP partners is heating up as some expect that President Joe Biden's policies could spark disputes. Litigators also expect pent-up demand this year after last year's pandemic shut-down.



Anthony Sammi of Latham & Watkins.