

Latham Snags Ex-Fish & Richardson Patent Atty In DC

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Latham & Watkins LLP has hired a Fish & Richardson PC patent litigator to join the firm's Washington, D.C., office after he successfully represented top technology and chemical companies as lead counsel in high-profile patent infringement disputes, Latham & Watkins said Tuesday.

Kevin Wheeler is joining Latham & Watkins as a member of its intellectual property litigation practice and as a partner in its litigation and trial department. Wheeler has successfully litigated dozens of bet-the-company patent cases, often in multiple jurisdictions, including more than 20 cross-border U.S. International Trade Commission investigations, according to Latham & Watkins.



Kevin Wheeler

Wheeler said Tuesday that Latham & Watkins has an exceptional reputation among the nation's leading IP firms, and he looks forward to further developing his practice there.

"I am honored to be joining a team that is addressing clients' most challenging patent litigation while pioneering significant developments in the practice of law," Wheeler said in a statement.

Before joining Latham & Watkins, Wheeler practiced at Fish & Richardson for more than seven years, and he was an associate at Sidley Austin LLP for over a year, according to his LinkedIn profile.

Some of his notable successes include leading teams to obtain two major trial wins before the ITC on behalf of Nautilus Hyosung Inc. in a dispute that implicated a large portion of the multibillion-dollar ATM industry. He also led a team to defeat a former LG Chem supplier bringing claims of patent infringement and breach of contract that threatened LG Chem's multibillion-dollar battery business and implicated some of the world's largest consumer electronics and electric vehicle companies.

Wheeler has an undergraduate degree in electrical engineering from the University of Maryland and a law degree from George Washington University Law School.

Michael Egge, the firm's office managing partner in Washington, D.C., said Tuesday that Wheeler is a dynamic litigator who embodies the "innovative, insightful counsel" the firm offers its clients.

"Kevin is a fantastic addition to our Washington, D.C., IP litigation team, which — by every measure — is

leading in a fiercely competitive market," Egge said in a statement.

Matthew Moore, a Washington, D.C., partner and global co-chair of Latham & Watkins' IP litigation practice, added that Wheeler brings "sharp business acumen and formidable advocacy skills" to the team.

"By drawing on his sophisticated experience and intellectual firepower, Kevin will help us navigate cutting-edge issues as they arise in our field," Moore said in a statement.

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