

MVP: Latham's Mike Morin

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Law360 (November 20, 2025, 4:00 PM EST) -- Mike Morin of Latham & Watkins LLP guided Sarepta Therapeutics to winning a \$115 million judgment in a patent dispute with Nippon Shinyaku Co. Ltd., and led an Abbott Laboratories unit to a victory in a patent suit against Dexcom Inc., earning him a spot as one of the 2025 Law360 Intellectual Property MVPs.

His biggest case:

A Delaware federal jury in December 2024 ruled that Nippon Shinyaku owed more than \$115 million for infringing a patent owned by Morin's client Sarepta in a case over patents on treatments for Duchenne muscular dystrophy.

"It was a complex trial because there were competing patents," Morin said, noting that Nippon Shinyaku initially sued Sarepta on multiple patents, leading Sarepta to file counterclaims on its own patents.

"It's always challenging, but when you have a case involving complicated issues of molecular biology ... it's particularly challenging to relay it in a way that's understandable and can be digested, but at the same time scientifically accurate," Morin said.

Morin added that "the subject matter was incredibly meaningful," as the case related to a disease where children are often in wheelchairs by their teens and could die by their mid-20s.

Why he's an intellectual property attorney:

Morin said he showed an interest in all things technical at an early age, as his father was an engineering professor. His mother, however, had an academic focus on comparative literature.

"So I was kind of the byproduct of my parents — to combine a little bit of the engineering with the analytical things," he said.



Morin said he found IP to be the perfect fit for his interests, as it allows him to be on the next frontier of technology while being able to also explain those issues.

"I find it very gratifying. You're able to explain and learn about all sorts of new cutting-edge things," he said of his practice.

What motivates him:

Morin said he loves the subject matter of his practice — getting to work with inventors who trust in him and have faith in his teams to protect their innovations.

"I love the team aspect of things," he said. "I wasn't a brilliant athlete, but I enjoyed team sports a lot."

He said he has an industrial engineering background, but his work involves complex subjects like biology and pharmaceuticals. Much like basketball, though, everyone on the legal team has different specialties, Morin said.

"Our teams have a bunch of different people who are all terrific, but each has their different strengths," he said.

His advice for junior attorneys:

"Never think about a project being not important or being a dead end," he said. "You've got to give your all to everything."

When he graduated from George Washington University Law School in 1995, he was working with the medical device company Guidant, and was sent by his partners to California to conduct a document review.

Back then, without the benefit of modern electronic reviews, he had to spend hours going through boxes of physical papers, he said. While that may not be seen as a great opportunity by some, Morin said he tried to do the job well and gain the company's trust.

He said he was eventually allowed to handle depositions in the case he was working on and get his first oral arguments. Guidant was later bought by Abbott Laboratories, which is still Morin's client to this day, he said.

"Never underestimate the opportunity to make a good first impression," he said.

Another notable case he's worked on:

In November 2024, a judge found that Dexcom infringed a glucose monitor patent owned by Abbott Diabetes Care Inc., a ruling that came after a jury found Dexcom infringed a different patent.

"It was a big, long, couple-week trial with complicated issues against a very good firm," Morin said.

He said that it was a case between two of the biggest competitors in the medical device field for monitors. The stakes were high, Morin recalled, and he and his team were able to partner with other firms for the win.

"I've been very, very fortunate that clients have entrusted my team and me to protect some of the most important inventions in American innovation," he said.

--As told to Adam Lidgett. Editing by Melissa Treolo.

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