

Edwards Angell Nabs MoFo IP Bigwig For NY Office

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Law360, New York (July 12, 2011) -- Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge LLP announced Monday that it had snagged the former head of Morrison & Foerster LLP's New York intellectual property practice, whose expertise includes life sciences and technology matters.

Seasoned intellectual property litigator Rory Radding, who worked as a pharmaceutical chemist before embarking on a legal career, joined Edwards Angell as a partner on July 1.

Before joining Morrison & Foerster in 2004, Radding was a senior partner at intellectual property boutique Pennie & Edmonds, where he practiced for more than 30 years.

"Rory adds a significant component to our IP practice capabilities in New York and throughout the firm, and we are very pleased that he has opted to join our team," said Scott Wofsy, chair of Edwards Angell's intellectual property department.

"With his knowledge and experience in the IP sector, Rory will make an immediate contribution to our growing department," Wofsy said.

Radding told Law360 that the firm's commitment to expanding its intellectual property department was part of what convinced him to join.

"The firm has been on a growth trajectory in recent years generally and especially in the IP area, which I was told is a strategic priority for the firm and also the New York office," Radding said.

Radding also said he was impressed by the Edwards Angells' established intellectual property practice in Boston, where major research universities drive technological innovation, and in London, which allows the firm to facilitate European innovation as well.

Radding has litigated diverse patent, trademark, copyright and trade secrets cases, acting for both plaintiffs and defendants before federal courts, appeals courts and the U.S. International Trade Commission.

He has taken on cases involving such diverse products as pharmaceuticals, LED lighting systems, computer controllers, candy, wine and bicycles.

Radding has a particular expertise in assisting clients in the life sciences industry, as well as the telecommunications, high tech and e-commerce sectors.

He does not shy away from high-stakes matters, either. Radding acted as appellate counsel before the Federal Circuit in the \$1.2 billion case *Litton Systems Inc. v. Honeywell Inc.* and in the \$70 million case *Celeritas Technologies Inc. v. Rockwell International Corp.*

And before the ITC, he obtained a general exclusion order on behalf of Kubota Corp. in a case of first impression involving parallel imports of used Japanese tractors. Radding then convinced the ITC to issue a \$2.3 million fine when a respondent violated the order.

In addition to intellectual property litigation and management, he has counseled clients on cross-border transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, the establishment of joint ventures, and international and domestic technology transfers.

He has advised Japan's Kirin Brewery Limited Inc. not only on litigation related to cell therapy technology but also on negotiating a global collaboration with Merix Bioscience on the development and commercialization of such technology, and on its multimillion-dollar acquisition of Hematech Inc., a company that produces human polyclonal antibodies in cloned cows.

Radding was the founding chairman of the New York State Bar Association's Intellectual Property Law Section and created its Internet Committee.

Prior to beginning his legal career, he was employed as pharmaceutical chemist at Wellcome Research Laboratory and an environmental chemist at Union Carbide Corp.

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