Foley Partners Expansion in California Strengthens Tech Practice

Foley & Lardner LLP announced today the expansion of its Innovative Technology Sector and Transactions Practice Group. The firm welcomes partners Gurpreet Bal and Shaalu Mehra to its Silicon Valley office. Both bring expertise in advising technology companies, investors, and founders on complex corporate and transactional matters.
Bal joins Foley from DLA Piper, while Mehra comes from McDermott Will & Emery. Their addition follows the recent integration of a five-partner intellectual property team in San Diego and San Francisco. This growth reflects Foley's ongoing commitment to strengthening its presence in California and the national tech sector.

Daljit Doogal, Foley's chairman and CEO, said, "Expanding our corporate and transactions platform in innovation-driven markets like Silicon Valley remains a key priority. Gurpreet and Shaalu bring significant experience in emerging technologies and complex tech transactions. Their expertise enhances our ability to serve clients seeking sophisticated legal counsel. We are thrilled to have them on board as we grow in this space."

Thomas Carlucci, managing partner of Foley's Northern California offices, added, "Gurpreet and Shaalu's arrival strengthens our corporate team in Northern California. Their extensive work with tech companies, investors, and partners will boost our local presence. We look forward to their valuable contributions as they help clients navigate complex and fast-moving transactions."

Over the past two decades, Gurpreet Bal has represented public

and private technology companies, investment funds, and founders. His expertise spans capital raising, mergers and acquisitions (M&A), and strategic transactions in AI, semiconductors, fintech, health care, and consumer technology sectors. Bal advises clients throughout the company lifecycle—from formation and financing to liquidity events and exits. He has managed over 50 M&A deals valued at over $60 billion and participated in hundreds of financing rounds, including venture capital, debt financings, and IPOs. Bal leverages this experience and his business background to provide actionable advice to companies, boards, investors, and founders.

Bal said, “I was drawn to Foley’s client-focused culture and rapid growth in Silicon Valley. The firm’s momentum in California, tech-driven strategy, and service-oriented approach create a strong foundation to support clients at every growth stage. As the legal industry embraces technology integration, Foley’s focus on innovation offers exciting opportunities. I’m eager to contribute to this shift from innovation to adoption, a journey many clients and partners are undertaking nationwide.”

Shaalu Mehra is a technology dealmaker with expertise in venture finance, corporate governance, intellectual property, and technology policy. He has led foremost transactions in data assets, security, autonomous systems, mobility, cleantech, digital health, and IoT sectors. Mehra’s clients include Fortune 50 multinationals, venture-backed startups, founders, investment funds, and family offices. His practice benefits from a strong technical background in computer science research. He also maintains ongoing academic collaborations.

Mehra shared, “Foley’s strategic growth and integrated sector expertise provide a powerful platform to tackle evolving legal and technology challenges. I’m excited to join during this dynamic expansion and contribute to its cutting-edge

practices.”

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