

Hogan Lovells Adds IPMT Partners to San Francisco Office

Krista Schwartz and Patrick Michael have joined **Hogan Lovells'** San Francisco office as partners in the firm's Intellectual Property, Media, and Technology (IPMT) practice. They both joined the firm from Jones Day.

In a release, the firm said Krista Schwartz is a first-chair trial partner focused on IP litigation. She handles patent, copyright, trade secret, and complex technology cases for the world's largest technology companies. Her cases involve technologies ranging from search engines, semiconductors, cellular devices, and medical devices to EDA and operating systems software. Prior to law school, she worked for AT&T Bell Labs, where she was an inventor on more than 20 patents relating to desktop video conferencing. Schwartz graduated with J.D. from Chicago-Kent College of Law with high honors; Order of the Coif. She received her M.S. from Northwestern University and her B.S. from the University of Illinois.

Patrick Michael is an IP/technology litigator who has tried multiple cases to verdict. His practice focuses on patent, copyright, and trade secret litigation, along with technology-related disputes. His clients include integrated circuit makers, electronic design automation, software companies, semiconductor fabrication process and tool designers, computer networking, and medical devices. Michael graduated from Pepperdine University with his J.D., cum laude, and received his B.A. from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

They are joining the firm after the addition of Christopher Cox in April. A five-partner strong M&A and technology transactions team including Richard Climan, Keith Flaum, Jane

Ross, John Brockland, and Chris Moore, as well as the addition of Executive Compensation and Employee Benefits partner Mike Frank, who joined the firm in 2017.