Shipman & Goodwin Expands D.C. Office and Patent Experience with 3 New Attorneys

Shipman & Goodwin LLP has expanded its Washington, D.C. office with the addition of three attorneys – John W. Ryan, Thomas M. Haas and Rachel G. Talay – who bring considerable patent and national security experience to both the firm and its D.C. office, a firm spokesman said. The move also extends the firm's representation of national companies in the biotechnology, life sciences and medical products industries.

"With the addition of these accomplished attorneys, we have further strengthened the firm's ability to provide our clients with the full range of services they need to protect their valuable intellectual property assets," said Glenn M. Cunningham, Chair of the firm's Business Litigation and Intellectual Property Practice Groups.

John Ryan, partner, has more than 25 years of experience as a registered patent attorney and handles matters involving litigation, due diligence, licensing, infringement and validity opinions, freedom to operate opinions, portfolio management and patent preparation and prosecution. He has worked in a wide variety of technical disciplines including biotechnology, medical devices and pharmaceuticals. In addition, Mr. Ryan was an adjunct professor at Albany Law School, where he taught a course on the licensing of intellectual property.

Thomas Haas, counsel, provides a full range of intellectual property services in a wide variety of technologies. He assists clients with patent portfolio management, patent

litigation, preparing and prosecuting patent applications, merger and acquisition due diligence, infringement and validity studies, freedom to operate studies, licensing and drafting material transfer and confidentiality agreements. Mr. Haas has experience with a broad range of technologies and worked as a former patent examiner in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, where he examined biotechnology patent applications with a focus on genetically engineered plants, plant genes, molecular biology and microbiology.

Rachel Talay, counsel, has extensive experience advising clients on business and corporate matters as well as issues relating to national security. She handles a variety of transactions for private companies and individuals, including mergers, acquisitions, divestitures and joint ventures and formation and start-up activities. She acts as outside general counsel on matters including governance, foreign jurisdiction management and filings, licensing, intellectual property protection, reorganizations and ownership changes. Ms. Talay assists clients with national security reviews of transactions and counsels them on unique national security and intelligence issues.

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