

MoFo Grows New Boston Office With PE, Tech Hires

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Law360 (April 26, 2019, 7:03 PM EDT) -- Morrison & Foerster LLP has added two former Foley & Lardner LLP partners to its newly minted Boston office, the firm announced Thursday, one to co-lead its global private equity group and another to join its technology group.

The firm, which opened its doors in Boston in February with more than 30 lawyers, added Todd Boudreau to co-head its global private equity investments and buyouts group, and Matt Karlyn to join its technology transactions group. Both have experience with clients in technology and life sciences, two areas in which MoFo's new Boston team specializes.

"I'm delighted that we have now added Todd and Matt," David A. Ephraim, managing partner of the MoFo Boston office, said in a statement. "Growing our new office with the region's finest talent continues to be a significant priority for us to ensure that we're meeting the needs of our clients both in Boston and in other markets."

Boudreau has represented clients across a range of industries, including health services, medical devices and aerospace and defense, the firm said. He also works with pension plans, endowments and fund managers.

"I'm excited to join Morrison & Foerster and to help build its corporate practice and private equity capabilities in a new office at a global firm," Boudreau said. "The firm has already significantly differentiated itself in multiple key markets and is well positioned to do the same in Boston, given its highly respected cross-border M&A and private funds platform, and its reputation for leading market-shaping technology work."

Karlyn focuses on commercial technology work, representing companies in the pharmaceutical, medical device and software sectors, MoFo said. His clients include Fortune 100 companies and startups.

"Morrison & Foerster has a premier life sciences practice and also excels in both technology transactions and outsourcing — all primary components of my practice," Karlyn said. "These strengths, combined with the firm's leading global platform, its inclusive culture, and its obvious commitment to Boston and the city's core industries, all greatly impressed me."



Todd Boudreau



Matt Karlyn

MoFo's Boston office is its ninth in the U.S. and 17th overall, spearheaded by a team of finance attorneys from boutique Riemer & Braunstein LLP.

The team specializes in the finance of technology and life sciences companies, representing lenders in those spaces. The new Boston office also includes partner and co-chair of the emerging companies and venture capital practice Ori Solomon, who joined the firm from Proskauer Rose LLP.

“We are a premiere global firm that leads on market-changing technology and life science matters and offers innovative solutions to our clients,” MoFo Chair Larren Nashelsky told Law360 in February. “It’s a natural extension ... for us to open an office in Boston, a city known as a hub for innovation and technology and the epicenter for life sciences on the East Coast.”

The announcement came on the heels of multiple U.S. law firms establishing a presence in Boston, which has lately become a favored locus of expansion. According to one recent survey, about one in three small and midsize firms in Boston are open to a combination with another firm.

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