

MoFo Adds Jones Day Partner to M&A Group In Palo Alto

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Morrison & Foerster LLP has hired a Jones Day partner in Silicon Valley who's represented major technology companies in multibillion-dollar mergers and acquisitions and cross-border deals, the firm said Tuesday.

Khoa Do is joining Morrison & Foerster's corporate practice and mergers and acquisitions group in Palo Alto, California, with 20 years of experience advising public and private companies. Do told Law360 Wednesday that he was drawn to the firm due to its culture. Morrison & Foerster partners are enthusiastic about expanding their practice, Do said.

"I really love that," he said. "I love being part of an effort to grow and expand."

Do also chose to move to Morrison & Foerster, because it has an unmatched reputation in the Bay Area, and a large base of tech clients, he said. Its tech transactions practice is also top-tier, which will help him serve his clients, Do said.

Do's practice is focused on advising companies on a range of high-stakes transactions, including strategic mergers and business combinations, asset and stock acquisitions, complex cross-border acquisitions, tender offers and spinoffs. Do said he's particularly proud of his work on U.S. chipmaker Atmel Corp.'s \$3.56 billion sale to Microchip Technology Inc. in 2016, not only because it was a big transaction, but also because it had multiple moving parts.

"Everyone involved in that deal walked away learning something and seeing something new, and that's what keeps the practice exciting," Do said.

Some other big-ticket deals he's worked on include Intersil Corp.'s \$3.2 billion sale to Japanese chipmaker Renesas Electronics Corp. and semiconductor maker MediaTek Inc.'s \$3.9 billion acquisition of MStar Semiconductor Inc. He also worked on the Sharks Sports & Entertainment's sale of the ATP World Tour.

Do is fluent in Vietnamese, and he serves on the board of directors of OneVietnam Network. He has a law degree from Northwestern University and an undergraduate degree in economics from the



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University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Eric McCrath, co-chair of Morrison & Foerster's mergers and acquisitions group and private equity investments and buyouts group, said the addition of Do to the Silicon Valley team is an example of the firm's continued commitment to growing its "deep pool" of talented corporate lawyers, particularly in the Bay Area.

"Khoa will enable us to provide even stronger support to technology clients, including public companies, in the San Francisco Bay Area market and beyond," McCrath said in a statement.

Timothy Harris, managing partner of Morrison & Foerster's Palo Alto office, added that Do's experience complements the firm's corporate practice, its mergers and acquisitions capabilities and its technology expertise.

The new hire comes after Morrison & Foerster added white collar partner Joshua Hill to its San Francisco office last year, as well as a six-member intellectual property litigation group led by partners Stefani Shanberg and Jennifer Schmidt.

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