

## MoFo Adds International Corporate Pro As Partner In UK

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*Law360 (March 26, 2018, 1:32 PM EDT)* - Morrison & Foerster LLP has strengthened its corporate practice with the addition of a former Jones Day attorney with international experience in mergers and acquisitions and private equity as partner in its London office, the firm said on Monday.

Dan Coppel will join the firm after spending six years at Jones Day as partner. Coppel brings a wealth of international experience to the firm, having worked in Moscow and New York as well as London. Coppel has represented Italian energy provider Eni SpA and will continue to represent Mittal Investments, the family office of Lakshmi Mittal, among others.



Dan Coppel

“My clients aren’t confined to one industry sector or one geography, so I have been given a broad remit to support the existing business and to build out and to grow with new clients and to get the MoFo message out,” Coppel said on Monday during an interview with Law360. “The firm’s strength in tech will be a part of that.”

According to Coppel, the firm’s ability to understand technology that underlies a client’s objectives makes it appealing, as well as the chance to mentor and supervise the ranks of young lawyers at the firm.

Before joining MoFo, Coppel represented Eni in a deal that saw it sell 20 percent of the company to Russian oil producer Gazprom Neft for \$4.2 billion.

Coppel also represented Mittal Investments in the \$330 million sale of Hope Construction Materials Ltd. to Breedon Aggregates Ltd. Coppel will continue to represent Mittal at MoFo.

In addition to Mittal making the move with Coppel, other clients that will be moving with him are private equity firm Phenomen Ventures, which will raise its second round of funding, and automotive distributor Louwman Group.

Looking ahead, Coppel is waiting to see how the legal landscape will change post-Brexit.

“On this side of the pond, we’re all waiting to see exactly what the practical ramifications of the Brexit vote are going to be for the city of London and the financial community,” Coppel said.

Coppel received his bachelor's of law from the University of Leeds in 1994 before graduating from the College of Law Chester with his LPC in 1995.

Coppel began his career in 1995 as an associate at Linklaters LLP before joining Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP in 1998. He left Cleary in 2007 to join Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP as a partner before heading to Jones Day in 2012.

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