

Cahill Gordon Adds King & Spalding IP Litigation Trio In DC

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Law360 (April 30, 2025, 4:33 PM EDT) -- Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP has added a three-partner intellectual property group from King & Spalding LLP for its new technology IP litigation practice in Washington, D.C., the firm said Wednesday.

Chris Campbell, who co-founded and led the innovation protection group at his prior firm, will be chair of Cahill Gordon's technology IP litigation practice. The other team members are Britton Davis and Alfonso Garcia Chan.

"We're delighted for the opportunity to work with a top-tier Wall Street firm interested in representing clients with valuable intellectual property," Campbell told Law360 Pulse in an interview. "That plus the opportunity to reunite with top-tier former partners of ours was just an opportunity that was too good to pass up. The firm was looking for what we offer. I think sometimes timing is everything, and the timing worked out for us."

The trio focus on protecting their clients' technology innovations.

Campbell is a first-chair trial lawyer with more than 30 years of experience trying complex patent infringement, trade secret and technology cases. His clients include startups as well as established brands worth billions of dollars, with an expertise in technologies spanning artificial intelligence, machine learning, software, electronics, telecommunications, semiconductors, medical devices and mechanical devices, the firm said.

Before joining King & Spalding six years ago, he was a partner at Cooley LLP, Goodwin Procter LLP and Hunton & Williams LLP. A graduate of Catholic University of America's Columbus School of Law, he also has a mechanical engineering degree from Virginia Tech.

Davis is a trial lawyer who specializes in patent, trade secret and unfair competition disputes involving complex technologies and medical devices in federal courts, the U.S. International Trade Commission, and the Patent Trial and Appeal Board. He has litigated cases involving technology like semiconductors, artificial intelligence, cyber and network



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security, computer hardware, electronics, software, internet and telecommunications networks, and medical devices, the firm said.

Davis has also held legal roles at Cooley, Hogan Lovells and Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati PC, according to his LinkedIn profile. He graduated from the University of Texas School of Law and has a mechanical engineering degree from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Chan litigates and licenses intellectual property cases on behalf of universities, research institutions and technology companies, focusing on semiconductors and electronic technology-intensive matters, as well as biomaterials and medical devices. He represents plaintiffs and defendants in federal courts nationwide and before the Federal Circuit, the firm said. He is also registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Internationally, he has worked on matters in China, Taiwan, Japan, Korea and Europe.

Chan is a former principal at McKool Smith and partner at Shore Chan DePumpo LLP. He's also been an attorney at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, Shore Deary LLP and Sidley Austin LLP, his LinkedIn states. He graduated from Southern Methodist University's Dedman School of Law, has a master of engineering degree from the University of Virginia, and a bachelor's degree in engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Campbell and Davis were among the King & Spalding attorneys who helped earn a willful infringement jury trial victory for mobile game platform Skillz, a publicly traded company that sued a competitor. In February 2024, a California federal jury awarded it \$42.9 million in its patent infringement fight against rival AviaGames.

"That was truly a 'bet the company' [case]," Campbell said. "Our client, Skillz, was suffering mightily from what the other side was doing."

Gerald J. Flattmann Jr., co-chair of Cahill Gordon's life sciences patent litigation and IP litigation groups and former global chair of King & Spalding's life sciences patent litigation group, called all three new partners exceptional practitioners in an interview with Law360 Pulse.

"They just have an outstanding and renowned collective set of IP tech litigation experience that the whole world is aware of in that sector, and I feel like they've come together with us to create a truly first-class, full-service IP litigation practice," he said. "I practiced with them for years, and I can't tell you how much I respect their courtroom skills."

Flattmann added that the three new hires align with the firm's plan to continue to grow in life sciences, tech IP and in the areas of soft IP, including trademark and copyright.

"I think we have a shared vision of creating something that we can be very proud of when we retire eventually," he said of Campbell. "Leaving a legacy behind and one that's really built on the principles that we value — showing our associates that you can be excellent and still have a work-life balance, showing that being civil and nice and respectful is not incompatible with being a great trial lawyer, and really kind of instilling the group with the values that we share, and building something that's unique."

David Januszewski, chair of Cahill Gordon's litigation group, said in a statement that the new partners will help the group continue to expand and diversify its reach, while deepening its offerings to existing technology clients and others.

"The team is known for high-stakes litigation that delivers decisive wins and protects what matters most to their clients — their market position, innovation and competitive edge," he said.

"We appreciate their contributions to the firm and wish them well," a King & Spalding spokesperson said Wednesday.

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