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Cooley Bolsters National IP Practice With Additions to Palo Alto Litigation Team

Palo Alto, CA – August 31, 2009 – Cooley Godward Kronish LLP announced today that Heidi Keefe, Mark Weinstein and Mark Lambert, previously partners with White & Case LLP, have joined the firm's national IP litigation practice. The three partners will be resident in the Palo Alto office.

"We are delighted to welcome such an accomplished and respected team of litigators to Cooley's IP litigation practice," said Frank Pietrantonio, head of Cooley's IP litigation practice. "Their experience in the technology and life science sectors complements Cooley's established platform in these areas and will enhance our ability to meet the growing demands of our clients."

The newly arrived team will be joining more than 100 attorneys who comprise the IP litigation practice at Cooley, a group that has received national recognition over the last two years for its work both on behalf of defendants in patent infringement actions and on behalf of inventors protecting their intellectual property.

- **Heidi Keefe** has more than 15 years' experience representing technology and life science companies in patent disputes. Heidi is a former astrophysicist and registered patent attorney who represents clients in high-stakes patent trials before juries and judges. She was recently recognized as one of the "Top 20 Lawyers in California Under the Age of 40" for 2009.
- **Mark Weinstein's** practice focuses on high-stakes litigation of patent and technology-related disputes involving a variety of technologies including computer software and hardware, Internet applications and e-commerce. Mark, who worked for several years as a software engineer before entering the practice of law, served as the managing partner-in-charge of White & Case's Palo Alto office.
- **Mark Lambert** specializes in the representation of technology companies in commercial disputes involving trade secrets, copyrights, antitrust, unfair competition, and technology licensing. With more than a decade of experience, his accomplishments include a recent victory obtaining a preliminary injunction for a technology licensor in a high-stakes litigation.

"The addition of Heidi, Mark and Mark is part of Cooley's continued strategic growth of its national litigation platform – an effort that has placed a high premium on our IP litigation capabilities," said Michael Rhodes, head of the firm's 300+ lawyer national litigation department. "Their expertise in cutting-edge technology issues will be a tremendous asset."

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Cooley Godward Kronish's 650 attorneys have an entrepreneurial spirit and deep, substantive experience, and

are committed to solving clients' most challenging legal matters. From small companies with big ideas to international enterprises with diverse legal needs, Cooley has the breadth of legal resources to enable companies of all sizes to seize opportunities in today's global marketplace. The Firm represents clients across a broad array of dynamic industry sectors, including technology, life sciences, clean tech, real estate, financial services, retail and energy.

The Firm has full-service offices in major business and technology centers nationwide: Palo Alto, CA, New York, NY, San Diego, CA, San Francisco, CA, Reston, VA, Broomfield, CO, Washington, DC, Boston, MA and Seattle, WA.

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