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Marks Gray Grows, Builds Its Intellectual Property Practice

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 1, 2022 – The team of Mitchell Ghaneie Law is joining Marks Gray to become one of the region’s largest full-service intellectual property practices. The new practice team now includes three attorneys, specializing in intellectual property law, and two registered patent agents. While Marks Gray has built an IP practice, the addition means the IP team at Marks Gray can provide full-service intellectual property legal services ranging from acquisition of patents, trademarks, and copyrights to enforcement, defense or litigation concerning all types of intellectual property.

Attorney Mitchell Ghaneie along with patent agents Christopher Roberts and Claire Patton joined Marks Gray this month after building a successful intellectual property-focused law practice in Jacksonville since 2015. The team will join attorneys Crystal Broughan and Logan McEwen along with paralegals and staff who have built Marks Gray’s intellectual property team over the last decade. The additions to Marks Gray’s Intellectual Property team will provide a full-service IP practice that includes all legal services to help companies and individuals navigate the patent, copyright and trademark process from start to finish and perform other important legal services such as freedom-to-operate analyses and patent landscape studies.

“We are proud to welcome the former Ghaneie Law team to the Marks Gray family,” said Frederick H. Kent, III, Marks Gray president and shareholder. “Jacksonville’s rapid growth and numerous rankings as a top market for startups and business expansions has created a strong need for full-service intellectual property services crucial to startups, small businesses and large entities.”

Mitchell “Mitch” Ghaneie, a registered patent attorney, assists businesses, startups, independent inventors, nonprofit organizations, and entrepreneurs with protecting all aspects of their intellectual property. Mitch earned a degree in biological sciences at Florida State University and earned his law degree at Florida State University College of Law. For more than six years, Mitch has prosecuted hundreds of patent and trademark applications. His practice focuses on prosecuting patent and trademark applications as well as representing clients during disputes involving intellectual property matters. He also helps clients file copyright applications, draft licensing agreements, and other general legal matters, including corporate formation and compliance, as well as other contractual agreements.

“Our team has worked diligently to support the needs of entrepreneurs and small businesses across the country,” said Ghaneie. “Joining Marks Gray gives us more resources and strength to help businesses launch and protect their intellectual property nationally and abroad.”

Christopher Roberts is a registered patent agent who brings years of engineering experience to his practice. After completing graduate studies at Georgia Tech, he spent more than five years practicing as a structural engineer at a world-renowned engineering firm. Chris assists clients in fully capturing and protecting their inventions. Chris works closely with Mitch throughout the patent prosecution process and understands technical intricacies and respective client technologies.

Claire Patton has been a registered patent agent since 2006. She assists in preparation, filing and prosecution of U.S. and PCT patent applications for small and medium-sized businesses. She has experience working with foreign associates regarding foreign patent prosecution. Claire earned a degree in engineering at the Ohio

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State University and has over 12 years of experience working for consulting engineering companies designing heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems for commercial buildings.

The addition of the team strengthens Marks Gray's position in the market. Marks Gray specializes in the legal issues facing businesses of all sizes and includes comprehensive legal defense services to a wide range of industries. Marks Gray has grown to 28 attorneys and a total of 60 employees.

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