

Kiklis & Clark, New Patent Law Firm, Launches In DC

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Law360 (March 9, 2022, 2:49 PM EST) -- Two patent-focused attorneys with nearly 50 years of combined experience have launched a new boutique patent law firm, Kiklis & Clark PLLC, with a particular focus on software and computer technology, the firm announced Wednesday.

Michael Kiklis and Kimani Clark are the named partners in their new Washington, D.C.-based computer technology and software-focused firm, and according to Kiklis & Clark's website, they began working together on patent law issues 25 years ago.

That relationship began at Finnegan Henderson Farabow Garrett & Dunner LLP and continued to Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal, now Dentons, according to both Kiklis and Clark's LinkedIn profiles.

In a statement on Wednesday, Kiklis said that both he and Clark are looking forward to the firm's new partnerships and offering their partnered services to clients.

"Together, we've handled high-stakes patent matters for some of the largest tech companies in the world," he said. "Our deep experience, which includes handling cases for such leading technology companies as Broadcom, Cisco, Thermo Fisher Scientific and Schlumberger, ensures an in-depth understanding of both our client's business and IP needs to handle their most challenging matters."

Clark added that the firm is focused on providing quality client service.

"Our focus is on delivering continual innovation to every aspect of our work with our clients, from legal strategy to customer experience, operations and technology," he said.

Clark began his legal career with Finnegan Henderson after graduating from Stanford Law School, according to his LinkedIn profile. Clark also holds a bachelor's degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in computer science and electrical engineering, according to his LinkedIn profile.

The firm noted that his practice focuses on computer and software patent law and that he has represented several large companies in technology-focused disputes.

Following his role at Finnegan, Clark became a partner at Dentons, where he worked for five years before joining Akin Gump. His most recent role was as a partner for Davidson Berquist Jackson & Gowdey LLP, according to his LinkedIn profile.

Kiklis focuses his practice on Patent Trial and Appeal Board trials and district court patent litigation, the firm said. His experience ranges almost 30 years, and he has managed 100 PTAB trials.

In addition to that work, Kiklis also is the author of "The Supreme Court on Patent Law," a treatise on the history of the U.S. Supreme Court's opinions and rulings on the law, the firm said.

Kiklis' second job in the legal industry was at Finnegan Henderson, joining that firm in 1997 — the same year Clark also got his start at the firm, according to his LinkedIn profile.

Though he jumped to Dentons two years before Clark made the leap, Kiklis moved to Akin Gump in 2007 alongside Clark, after seven years with that firm. Following a new role and six years at Oblon McClelland Maier & Neustadt LLP, Kiklis' most recent role was as a Bass Berry & Sims PLC partner, according to his LinkedIn profile.

Kiklis studied computer science during his undergraduate and graduate studies at the University of Massachusetts Lowell and Boston University, respectively. He received his law degree from Syracuse University College of Law, according to his LinkedIn profile.

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