

## IP Litigator M. Patricia Thayer Joins Sidley's San Francisco Office

*Sidley Continues to Expand in Northern California*

**San Francisco** – In another recent addition to its Northern California team, [Sidley Austin LLP](#) announced today that M. Patricia Thayer has joined its [San Francisco](#) office as a partner in the [Intellectual Property Litigation](#) practice. Thayer focuses her practice on complex patent litigation and IP counseling for life sciences companies, including those manufacturing biopharmaceuticals, diagnostics, drug delivery systems and medical devices. Thayer has represented a wide range of life sciences and retail companies in litigation and arbitration involving patents, trademarks and trade secrets. In addition, she has worked with clients on intellectual property counseling and opinions focusing on patent inventorship, infringement and validity issues.

Ed Anderson, head of Sidley's Northern California IP practice, commented, "Patty is an exciting addition to our team. She is a senior IP trial lawyer whose immersion in the life sciences industry makes her a strong complement to our life sciences industry practice."

"Sidley is the ideal place for me," commented Thayer. "I am joining a national IP litigation team complemented by a highly respected life sciences practice that represents many of the leading pharma, biotech and tech companies throughout the United States and in Europe and Asia. At Sidley, I will be able to provide outstanding IP litigation and counseling service to clients, especially those in the life sciences industry."

"We are significantly expanding the scope of Sidley's legal services in Northern California, including in San Francisco and in our new office in Palo Alto," said Anne E. Rea, the member of Sidley's Management Committee responsible for its West Coast offices. "Patty is a well-known patent trial lawyer who will enhance our strong IP litigation team and further position us to serve biotech, health information technology and medical device clients, as well as information technology clients."

Thayer is a past chair of the Intellectual Property Section of the State Bar of California. She was named to the *Daily Journal's* list of the Top 75 Litigators in California in 2008 and 2009. Effective immediately, Patty Thayer can be reached at [pthayer@sidley.com](mailto:pthayer@sidley.com), (415) 772-1200.

Sidley's San Francisco office, with more than 50 lawyers, serves national and international clients, as well as emerging and established technology companies. Key

practice areas include IP litigation, corporate, securities and capital markets, health care regulation, and securities and commercial litigation.

Sidley's Palo Alto office serves information technology, clean tech, biotech, health information technology and medical device clients in areas critical to emerging and established technology companies, including corporate, technology transactions and IP litigation.

Sidley Austin LLP is one of the world's largest full-service law firms, with approximately 1700 lawyers practicing in 17 U.S. and international cities, including Beijing, Brussels, Frankfurt, Geneva, Hong Kong, London, Shanghai, Singapore, Sydney and Tokyo. Every year since 2003, Sidley has been named to *Legal Business'* Global Elite, its designation for the 18 firms "that define the pinnacle of the legal profession." Sidley is recognized for service and responsiveness – BTI, a Boston-based research and consulting firm, has named Sidley as one of only two firms to have been in the top ten of the BTI Client Service rankings every year since the inception of those rankings in 2001, and was number one in three of those years.