

Skadden Adds Premier Patent Litigators

James J. Elacqua, Andrew N. Thomases and Jonathan D. Baker Join Skadden

PALO ALTO - The international law firm Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP today announced that patent litigators James J. Elacqua and Andrew N. Thomases have joined the firm as partners in its Palo Alto office and Jonathan D. Baker has joined as of counsel.

Mr. Elacqua and Mr. Thomases are veteran litigators who have represented a wide range of technology and life sciences companies in complex patent litigation cases. Most recently, they obtained a \$57 million damages award for Medtronic, Inc. - one of 2009's largest plaintiff verdicts in California - in a multi-patent infringement dispute that was tried in San Francisco. They are ranked as leading lawyers by Chambers USA and Mr. Thomases has a significant amount of experience before the International Trade Commission.

Mr. Baker is an experienced litigator with an M.S. degree in Electrical Engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a J.D. from Harvard Law School. He has handled patent litigations for companies such as Acer, Creative, and TiVo.

"We are thrilled to welcome such high-caliber patent litigators to our global litigation practice," said Eric J. Friedman, Skadden's executive partner.

"The IP litigation experience that Jim, Andrew and Jonathan bring complements Skadden's litigation practice in Silicon Valley and our national IP litigation group," said Kenton J. King, who leads Skadden's Bay Area offices.

Mr. Elacqua said he "could not pass on the opportunity to join such a preeminent practice.

"It is truly exciting to become part of a firm with such a vast platform and unique resources," he added. "Skadden's reputation and capabilities provide clients with a tremendous advantage in patent and other intellectual property-related litigation matters."