

# Skiermont Derby Adds Two Partners in LA, Promotes Lawyer to Partner in Dallas

Firm bolsters strengths in intellectual property, complex commercial disputes

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LOS ANGELES and DALLAS, Sept. 6, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- Skiermont Derby LLP has added two partners in the firm's Los Angeles office and promoted to partner a lawyer in the firm's Dallas office, moves that enhance the firm's capabilities and resources in intellectual property litigation and other complex commercial disputes.

Mieke K. Malmberg joins the firm from the Los Angeles office of Glaser Weil Fink Howard Avchen & Shapiro LLP. She handles patent litigation in a wide range of technologies, including claims involving business methods, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, computer software, wireless devices and telecommunications. She has litigated patent, trademark, copyright and trade secret disputes throughout the United States and has participated in more than 10 appellate proceedings in federal court.

Ms. Malmberg earned her law degree in 2000 from the Hastings College of Law at the University of California in San Francisco and in 1996 received two undergraduate degrees, in cell biology and in biochemistry, from the University of California, San Diego.

Hajir Ardebili joins the firm from Kelley Drye & Warren in Los Angeles, where he was a special counsel. He has extensive trial experience in intellectual property disputes, including trademark and copyright litigation, particularly involving the representation of film, television and entertainment companies.

Mr. Ardebili received his law degree from the University of California Berkeley School of Law in 2002 and his undergraduate degree from the University of Kansas in 1999.

In Dallas, Sadaf R. Abdullah has been promoted to partner. Ms. Abdullah, who joined the firm in 2013, focuses her practice on matters involving patent infringement, trademark and antitrust claims in the pharmaceutical, technology and telecommunications industries. She has litigated cases in federal and state court, appellate courts and the International Trade Commission.

Ms. Abdullah earned her law degree from Harvard Law School in 2006 with an undergraduate degree from Duke University in 2003.

"These are three dynamic and experienced attorneys who collectively strengthen our ability to pursue IP and other commercial litigation for clients in virtually any venue across the country," says Paul B. Derby, managing partner of the 16-attorney firm. Earlier this year, Skiermont Derby was again named to the IAM Patent 1000 list, ranking as one of the top 10 patent litigation practices based in Texas.

Skiermont Derby LLP represents clients in complex IP and commercial litigation in Texas, California, and throughout the nation. The firm's experience includes matters involving patents, trademarks, unfair competition, antitrust, breach of contract, and business torts – as well as entertainment, employment, and securities litigation.

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