

## News



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### **Experienced IP Attorneys Join Nelson Mullins in Boston**

**BOSTON** – Two experienced intellectual property attorneys have joined Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP as partners in its Boston office. Thomas Engellenner and Reza Mollaaghababa, Ph.D. join from Pepper Hamilton, where they were partners.

Engellenner’s practice includes patents, licensing, trademarks, copyrights, and litigation. He has particular experience in the fields of biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, analytical instruments, and medical devices. He has worked as a trial attorney for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as a patent and licensing attorney in the Office of Technology Licensing.

Mollaaghababa focuses on all aspects of intellectual property law, including preparation and prosecution of patent and trademark applications and preparation of patentability, infringement, validity, and clearance opinions.

Both attorneys have experience with post-grant proceedings at the U.S. Patent Office, which were established in 2012 by the America Invents Act. Both have handled more than 80 *inter partes* review proceedings.

“We are extremely happy to welcome Thomas and Reza to the firm,” said Intellectual Property group Leader Mark Dukes. “They are well known in the intellectual property community and will be a great addition to our team.”

Nelson Mullin's intellectual property group represents clients in patent preparation, prosecution, opinions, client counseling, post-grant practice, and litigation. The team includes attorneys with technical degrees, including electrical engineering, biochemistry, chemistry, and mechanical engineering; former judicial clerks with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and former Patent Examiners; and attorneys who serve as thought leaders, through roles as adjunct intellectual property law professors at local law schools and authors of various publications.

Established in 1897, Nelson Mullins has more than 785 attorneys and government relations professionals with offices in 11 states and Washington, D.C. For more information on the firm, go to [www.nelsonmullins.com](http://www.nelsonmullins.com).

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