

Culhane Meadows Expands IP Practice With 3 Hires

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Virtual law firm Culhane Meadows PLLC has announced the hiring of three intellectual property partners to help bolster its operations in the Northeast and Texas.

Rose Keagy, Aasheesh Shravah and Christopher Turk joined Culhane Meadows this summer in Dallas, Washington, D.C., New York and Philadelphia, the firm said on July 20. Keagy came in most recently from Murphy Bilak & Homiller PLLC, Shravah was at Tarter Krinsky & Drogin LLP and Turk came from FisherBroyles LLP.

The hires are "adding to the deep field of knowledge we can offer clients and reflecting the continued importance of intellectual property in every industry," co-founder and comanaging partner Kelly Rittenberry Culhane said in a statement.

Shravah, who joined in New York, told Law360 Pulse on Tuesday that he was drawn to the firm primarily because of its fully virtual model combined with the strength of its IP group. He said that thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic, he was already primarily working remotely even though he was at a more traditional firm

"I wasn't really using my office to meet clients anyway," Shravah said. "That had my curiosity going regarding joining a virtual law firm, and after talking with the IP group I wanted to make sure there was a lot of interaction and they assured me that the groups meet regularly. And after starting I realized that, even though we were virtual, everyone talked a lot."

Keagy, who will practice primarily in Dallas with some time in Washington, said she was drawn to the lower overheads possible with a virtual firm model, something that allows her to pass cost savings on to her clients with the same level of service.

"Their business model allows me to obtain high-quality and enforceable patents in a cost-effective manner for my clients," Keagy said. "Also, Culhane Meadows has always provided strong intellectual property legal services, having proven their support for this area of law by adding their deep bench of IP partners both before and after the COVID-19 pandemic."

Keagy, who graduated from Southern Methodist University's Dedman School of Law, focuses on patent law, working with corporate clients on managing global patent portfolios, counseling business leaders and groups on IP matters, and analyzing issued patents.

Before moving into private practice, she spend over 30 years at Texas Instruments, starting as a test engineer and then joining a company program allowing employees to become patent lawyers. After that, Keagy worked on the legal side, including time as managing counsel handling commercial and patent litigation and other IP matters.



Shravah, a graduate of Yeshiva University's Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, works with companies on patent and trademark litigation, domestic and international patent and trademark prosecution, and product clearance. He focuses on manufacturers of "as seen on TV" products, visiting trade shows and company factories to ensure that their products are compliant with existing patents and to help them register their own patents and trademarks.

Along with his 11-plus years at Tarter Krinsky, Shravah has practiced patent law at Dorsey & Whitney LLP, Sills Cummis & Gross PC and Scully Scott Murphy & Presser.

Turk, who joined the firm in Philadelphia, graduated from University of Notre Dame, the Law School, and previously served as a U.S. Patent & Trademark Office trademark examiner. He works with clients on IP matters including acquisition, registration and enforcement of trademarks, copyrights, domain names, trade secrets and other non-patented assets. Besides his four years at FisherBroyles, he spent nearly 13 years as general counsel for clothing manufacturers VF Corp. and The HD Lee Company Inc.

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