

Ryan joins Jeffer Mangels

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California firm Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mitchell has recruited Patrick Ryan, formerly a partner at Morgan Lewis & Bockius, to become chairman of the firm's antitrust group.



Ryan, 46, joined Morgan Lewis as a partner in November 2011. Previously he was a partner at Thelen Reid Brown Raysman & Steiner and at Winston & Strawn, where his team won Cisco's 2011 Commercial Litigation Law Firm of the Year award.

"At a smaller firm, I have fewer conflicts, I can do a broader range of litigation, especially antitrust litigation," Ryan says. "I'm going to have more flexibility on how I structure cases, contingency fees, I can be more creative. It's a chance to do some exciting things."

Ryan's public track record includes being lead trial counsel for Cisco Systems in the US litigation with Multiven; one of the lead liaison counsel representing defendants in the SRAM indirect-purchaser class action litigation; and a lead counsel in Gama's counterclaims against Graco, which prompted a US Federal Trade Commission investigation.

Jeffer Mangels managing partner Bruce Jeffer says: "Throughout his legal career, [Ryan] has produced outstanding results by advising his corporate clients in how to mitigate litigation risk, by resolving disputes creatively and efficiently, and by going to trial and winning."

Ryan adds: "I really have a lot of chemistry with the lawyers here. With Bruce, we just clicked."

Paul Ortiz, a senior in-house attorney at Cisco, says, "I have worked closely with Patrick Ryan on numerous complex litigation matters, including antitrust matters; he is creative, attentive, and brilliant. Patrick knows his clients' business goals and always finds a way to achieve them whether through settlement or litigation victory."

The addition of Ryan brings Jeffer Mangel's partnership to 69 people.