



# Michael Cohen—Prominent Intellectual Property, Technology, and Business Transaction Attorney—Joins Gray Plant Mooty

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MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (November 8, 2011) — The Minneapolis-based law firm of Gray Plant Mooty is pleased to announce another addition to its growing roster of intellectual property and technology legal experts with Michael R. Cohen joining the firm as a principal. Cohen is the second prominent intellectual property and technology attorney to join Gray Plant Mooty this year; Sheldon Klein joined the firm in June. In October, Gray Plant Mooty also hired a new associate, Karen Wenzel, who is focusing her practice on representing start-up and emerging high tech companies on a variety of business transactions.

Cohen has more than 25 years of experience representing a variety of businesses and organizations in the acquisition, development, manufacture, marketing, licensing, and distribution of products and services. He has experience in multiple industries, including computer software and related technology, health care, medical device, pharmaceutical, biotech, agribusiness, food and beverage, music, publishing, creative arts, among others.

Cohen has a unique perspective and experience with both buyers and sellers having served previously as senior corporate counsel for Lawson Software, a \$1 billion global technology company, partner at a top tier intellectual property law firm, and as a special assistant attorney general responsible for government procurement and managing the legal needs of the Minnesota Department of Health and Human Services.

Cohen has special expertise in intellectual property related transactions including patent, copyright, trademark, and trade secret licensing, and he is the author of *A Legal Guide to the Internet* and two West-Thomson books—*Computer Contracts* and *Entertainment Industry Agreements*.

Cohen served as the past president of the Minnesota State Bar Association Computer Law Section and is a frequent lecturer and author on topics related to information technology, e-commerce, data privacy, intellectual property, contracts, and licensing. In addition, he is an adjunct faculty member at Hamline Law School and has served as an expert witness on software licensing practices.

Cohen received his J.D. from the University of Minnesota Law School.



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