



January 3, 2016 -- Kent & Risley LLC is pleased to announce the expansion of its intellectual property and complex civil litigation team with the recent additions of Olivia Marbutt and Sam Najim.

Olivia joined the firm in October from Jones Day, where she gained more than a decade of litigation experience in patent litigation and counseling across multiple technologies including medical devices, data security, DSL, direct marketing, genetic testing, location based services, and voice response systems. Olivia also has significant experience with trademark prosecution and portfolio management. Olivia graduated from the University of Arizona in 1999, with a B.S. with honors in molecular and cellular biology, and Spanish, *summa cum laude*. She earned her J.D. from Emory University School of Law in 2004, where she was Order of the Coif. She is also registered to practice before the United States Patent & Trademark Office.

Sam joined the firm in December. He is a seasoned intellectual property litigator and trial lawyer, who spent the bulk of his career as a partner at Jones Day where he founded and led the intellectual property practice of the firm's Atlanta office. Sam has litigated and tried cases in courts throughout the United States in matters involving patents, trademarks, unfair competition, copyrights, trade secrets and restrictive covenants. He also has substantial experience in suits involving complex business matters, and general litigation. For 2017, Sam was recognized again as a Best Lawyer in America for Intellectual Property Litigation. He graduated with honors from the University of Florida in 1983 with a BSBA in Finance, and *magna cum laude* from Cleveland State University with a J.D. in 1986. He is also a registered mediator, and has handled numerous alternative dispute resolution proceedings.

According to K&R co-founder Dan Kent, who worked with both Olivia and Sam at Jones Day, "We are excited to welcome Olivia and Sam to the Firm. They are both excellent, highly skilled, and highly respected lawyers. We look forward to continuing to grow the Firm's litigation practice together."

Kent & Risley LLC is a boutique litigation firm focusing on intellectual property and complex civil cases. The Firm has more than 90 years of combined experience litigating and trying intellectual property and complex civil cases for clients ranging from Fortune 50 companies to individual inventors. For more information, please see www.kentrisley.com.