

Contact:**Bobbie Brock:** +1 212-696-6923 or bbrock@curtis.com**Christine Nebel:** + 44 020 7011 9518 or cnebel@curtis.com*FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE***CURTIS BOOSTS INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PRACTICE
BY ADDING PARTNER MICHAEL GRAIF**

August 11, 2008, New York, NY – International law firm Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP has expanded its Intellectual Property (IP) practice with the addition of partner Michael R. Graif. Mr. Graif will be based in the Firm’s New York office and will work with clients worldwide.

Mr. Graif focuses his practice on intellectual property counseling and litigation, including trademark prosecution and litigation, licensing, technology transactions, management of worldwide trademark portfolios, patent prosecution and litigation, intellectual property aspects of business transactions and copyright counseling and infringement litigation.

Mr. Graif has extensive experience preparing and negotiating licensing, development and joint venture agreements relating to computer software, know-how, trademarks and other technology. He also counsels clients on trademark clearance and enforcement issues, merchandise licensing, publicity and privacy rights, copyrights, open source software, domain name proceedings, and other Internet-related issues.

“Michael’s experience in a wide range of intellectual property matters will particularly benefit our international clients introducing products and services into the U.S. market and our M&A and private equity clients,” said managing partner Matias A. Vega.

“Michael Graif will help us to meet the growing demands of our clients for assistance in evaluating, developing and exploiting intellectual property assets,” said Andrew H. Seiden, head of Curtis’ IP practice. “IP protection and infringement continue to be critically important to businesses worldwide across many industry sectors, including manufacturing, distribution, professional services, technology, entertainment and media.”

“Curtis’ global footprint and relationships with leading firms in virtually every country uniquely position Curtis to help our clients navigate IP legal and regulatory issues worldwide, and I look forward to working with my new colleagues at the Firm to service their IP needs,” stated Michael Graif.

Mr. Graif has represented clients ranging in size from Fortune 500 companies and multinational corporations to private equity and venture capital funds. He has also represented multibillion dollar consumer products and international telecommunications clients as well as smaller high-tech companies.

Mr. Graif earned his LL.B. at the University of Toronto and his B.S.E., *magna cum laude*, at the University of Pennsylvania. He is admitted to the Bars of the States of New York and Massachusetts. He is also registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, the U.S. District Courts for the Southern, Eastern and Western Districts of New York and the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California.



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