

Miller Canfield's Chicago Growth Continues

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CHICAGO (Oct. 15, 2018) — Miller Canfield has announced that principal attorneys Ed Rice and Marina Saito have joined the firm's intellectual property team in Chicago. Their arrival follows the addition of veteran IP attorney Gregory DeGrazia and patent agent Kathleen La Belle earlier this year.

Saito has more than 20 years of experience in intellectual property law, particularly in litigation. Having earned a master's degree in electrical engineering and bachelor's degrees in computer science and biology have enabled her to analyze life science technologies, including pharmaceuticals and medical devices. She has focused her practice on litigation and has tried cases in the Federal District Courts and the International Trade Commission in cases involving diverse patents ranging from computer chips to pharmaceutical products.

Rice is a first-chair trial and appellate lawyer who focuses on patent disputes. With 30 years of experience, he first-chaired and won his first patent trial in 1996. Additionally, Rice has successfully represented clients on trademark and copyright matters. He has analyzed and explained technologies ranging from integrated circuits to pharmaceuticals and from internet business methods to anti-missile systems.

"Intellectual property is an area where we continue to see increasing client demand," said Miller Canfield CEO Michael McGee. "Ed and Marina have extensive experience in many industries, including pharmaceuticals, which have along with the mobility industry fueled much of this demand."

Saito is a graduate of the Chicago-Kent College of Law at the Illinois Institute of Technology, and the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Rice is a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School. He is also a sought-after presenter and panelist, and most recently served on panels on enforcing patents and NPE (non-practicing entities) defense for *The IP Strategy Summit* in Chicago. He has earned much recognition, including being named in *Illinois Super Lawyers*, "Top Lawyers in Illinois" in Intellectual Property Law, and being honored with special achievement awards in 1993, 1994 and 1995 from the U.S. Department of Justice.