



MORRIS, MANNING & MARTIN OPENS IN BEIJING, CHINA CENTERPIECE TO VIBRANT ASIA PRACTICE



Atlanta, Ga. - April 15, 2009 - Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP has opened an office in the heart of Beijing, China. In addition, the firm, which is regarded as having one of the leading Asia-focused practices in the Southeast, opened an office in Taipei, Taiwan on April 1, 2009. Until the requisite approvals are received in both China and Taiwan, the offices will operate as business development centers.

“We are extremely pleased with our international success, particularly in China. It is an integral part of our long-term strategic plan,” commented Managing Partner Robert E. Saudek, adding “We view our approach as twofold; first assisting with intellectual property patent prosecution and potential litigation, second assisting with corporate and securities matters.”

The firm’s Asia Practice includes over a dozen Mandarin speakers with deep connections to China, Taiwan and Hong Kong. The Practice is primarily focused on representing Chinese, Taiwanese, and other Pacific-rim-based companies and institutions with their operations in the United States. The Practice increasingly represents U.S. and other international companies with their operations in both countries.

Last week, the firm hosted an opening ceremony for the firm’s Beijing office in conjunction with the arrival of a delegation from the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce (MACOC) and the Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEcD). The leader of the firm’s Asia Practice partner Tim Tingkang Xia, Ph.D., Dr. Ping Wang, and Ming Jiang, Ph.D., as well as Raymond Ho and Amelia Lin of the Taipei office represented the firm at the opening ceremony. Dr. Jiang will remain at the office to serve as its local administrator.

“I think it would be a significant benefit for us,” said GDEcD Commissioner Ken Stewart. “The more connections we have with Beijing companies and individuals, the more beneficial it is for us.”

The firm’s representatives are accompanying MACOC and GDEcD members as they tour ten (10) Chinese cities over a two week period.

Notes:

- Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP is the only Atlanta-based law firm with a presence in Beijing.
- Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP has over 80 Asia-based clients with U.S. operations.
- Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP won the first patent litigation for a Chinese company as a defendant in U.S. courts.
- Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP successfully litigated and settled the first trade dress litigation for a Chinese company in U.S. courts.
- Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP obtained one in every ten U.S. patents filed by Chinese applicants.

- Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP represents some of the largest technology companies from both Taiwan and China.

About Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP

Morris, Manning & Martin (www.mmmlaw.com) is a full-service commercial law firm representing clients throughout the United States and abroad. Our mission is to be the firm of choice for clients seeking the most creative, comprehensive, and effective legal services available. Our legal solutions are delivered by industry-focused, diverse, involved lawyers who are dedicated to our clients' success, whether in a transaction, in court, or in the everyday course of business.

Morris, Manning & Martin enjoys national prominence for its healthcare, intellectual property, capital markets, environmental, green industry, insurance, litigation, mergers and acquisitions, real estate, and technology practices. The firm has offices in Atlanta, Savannah, Raleigh-Durham, Taipei, Beijing, and Washington, D.C.

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