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TOP CALIFORNIA LAW FIRMS

10 EMERGING LAW FIRM LEADERS IN CALIFORNIA



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Anthony J. McCusker

M McCusker hit the ground running after joining Goodwin in 2010 as co-chair of the firm's technology companies practice.

Three years later, McCusker has a steady stream of work while taking on additional responsibilities — he is now a member of Goodwin's executive committee and chair of the firm's Menlo Park office.

McCusker is quick to credit his team of lawyers and administrative professionals

with his recent practice and leadership success.

"I feel lucky that I am able to do the things that are helping the office," he said. "We have really good professionals on the administrative side and that makes choices easier when you trust your partners and staff at your side."

McCusker said his biggest challenge to move the Menlo Park office forward will be to recruit top-notch talent that fits from both

an expertise and a personality perspective.

McCusker's recent practice success accounts for a large part of his quick rise up the leadership ranks.

Last month, he helped guide San Francisco-based online money transfer company Xoom Corp. through its initial public offering. The company raised \$92 million in net proceeds, while selling stockholders received \$16 million.

For Xoom's offering, McCusker worked with corporate partner Rick Kline, another recent Goodwin Procter transplant who came from Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati PC in 2011.

"He's a terrific guy and really talented," Kline said of McCusker. "He tries to build consensus and really delegates to the team and the staff."

Xoom was one of McCusker's emerging company clients when he was plying his trade at Gunderson Dettmer Stough Villeneuve Franklin & Hachigian LLP.

McCusker spent 16 years at Gunderson before jumping to Goodwin's Menlo Park office with two other former Gunderson partners to take advantage of the Boston-based firm's national platform and its work with both emerging and mature companies.

"It was a little entrepreneurial," McCusker said about the move. "We were helping an office to grow and we are five years young, so there's a lot of growth that could and should occur."

— Kevin Lee