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# Adobe Appoints Dana Rao General Counsel

**SAN JOSE, Calif. — June 18, 2018** — Today Adobe (Nasdaq:ADBE) announced it has appointed Dana Rao as executive vice president and General Counsel, effective immediately. Rao will succeed Mike Dillon, who [announced his intent to retire earlier this year](#). Rao will report to Adobe president and CEO Shantanu Narayen and will oversee all of Adobe's legal and government relations matters.

Currently Adobe's vice president and associate general counsel of intellectual property and litigation, Rao has more than 20 years of legal experience. During his six-year tenure at Adobe overseeing Adobe's intellectual property and litigation teams, Rao has managed the company's litigation efforts as well as its patent, trademark and copyright portfolio strategies. Prior to Adobe, Rao was with Microsoft for 11 years, serving in a variety of roles including Associate General Counsel of Intellectual Property and Licensing, where he oversaw all patent matters for Microsoft's entertainment and devices division. Rao started his career as a patent attorney at Fenwick & West. He holds a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Villanova University and a J.D. from George Washington University, where he graduated Order of the Coif.

"We're excited to have Dana Rao step into the role of General Counsel at Adobe," said Shantanu Narayen, president and CEO, Adobe. "Dana's extensive expertise in protecting intellectual property, as well as his commitment to both driving business growth and upholding the highest ethical standards, make him the ideal choice to drive Adobe's legal agenda." Narayen added: "I'd like to thank our outgoing General Counsel Mike Dillon for his significant contributions to Adobe's success."

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