

Greensfelder Expands IP Practice, Adds Four Attorneys in St. Louis, Chicago Offices

Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale, P.C., announces a major expansion of the firm's intellectual property Practice Group with the addition of four IP attorneys in the firm's St. Louis and Chicago offices.

Mark E. Stallion joins as leader of the patent team. Based in the firm's St. Louis office, he most recently was a partner with Husch Blackwell LLP. Susan Meyer joins in Chicago as leader of the trademark, copyright and media/advertising team. She also is a member of Greensfelder's Franchising and Distribution industry group. Also joining the firm in Chicago are Richard C. Himelhoch and Joseph A. Fuchs. Ms. Meyer, Mr. Himelhoch and Mr. Fuchs all previously were with Nixon Peabody LLP.

A release from the firm continues:

"We are thrilled to welcome Mark, Susan, Joe and Richard to our expanding team of intellectual property law practitioners serving our clients throughout the Midwest and the nation," said Welcome & Participant Introductions Kara E.F. Cenar , the firm's Chicago-based leader of the Intellectual Property Practice Group. "Each brings a wealth of IP business services and solid patent protection knowledge, as well as experience in diverse industries including technology and start-ups, manufacturing, pharmaceutical, chemical and biochemical, media and advertising, franchising and transportation."

Greensfelder Chief Executive Officer Timothy R. Thornton said, "This is an exciting time for our firm as we continue to enhance our bench strength in both St. Louis and Chicago

to better serve our clients in key practice areas and help them achieve their business goals.”

The new additions continue the IP group’s rapid expansion over the past year. They include practice leaders and seasoned attorneys who provide core business and IP services, as well as serve as the outside IP department for clients.

Cenar added, “Our new IP attorneys also work closely with Greensfelder lawyers in other practice areas, which is critical for enabling us to provide a wide range of legal services to our clients in diverse industries in a cost-effective and efficient manner.”

Stallion’s practice encompasses all areas of intellectual property including patent, copyright, trademark, trade secrets, technology agreements, confidentiality/non-disclosure agreements, and employee/consulting agreements and licensing agreements. In addition, he has a focus on serving the start-up and incubator communities on IP needs involving emerging technologies. Prior to his law practice, Mr. Stallion worked as an engineer and engineering manager for more than a decade. He earned his law degree from St. Louis University School of Law and his Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology.

Ms. Meyer handles IP prosecutions, licensing and dispute resolution and has extensive experience in trademark law. She also focuses her practice on franchising and distribution. She draws on her experience as a former business owner to work with franchisors on compliance issues and serves as outside general counsel for clients on general business matters. Currently serving as president of the Chicago chapter of the Norwegian-American Chamber of Commerce, Ms. Meyer also advises companies on matters related to commerce between the United States and Norway.

She earned her law degree from Chicago-Kent College of Law and her Bachelor of Arts from Stony Brook University.

Mr. Himelhoch practices in all areas of IP, including patent litigation and prosecution, and has extensive experience before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. His work includes domestic and foreign patent prosecution, design around strategies, infringement and validity analysis, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets and unfair competition, and IP due diligence. Mr. Himelhoch earned his law degree from the University of Wisconsin Law School and his Bachelor of Science from the University of Wisconsin.

Mr. Fuchs focuses his practice on patent prosecution and litigation in the pharmaceutical, chemical and biochemical industries. His clients have included Fortune 100 companies and sole inventors of products. He also has represented generic drug companies in patent infringement lawsuits brought under the Hatch-Waxman Act. Mr. Fuchs earned his law degree from Loyola University School of Law and his Bachelor of Science from the University of Illinois.

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