

FisherBroyles Adds IP Partners

FisherBroyles, LLP announced the expansion of its Intellectual Property (IP) Practice Group with the addition of Richard Eckman, Thomas Osborne and Jeremy Sanders as new partners in the firm's Palo Alto, Calif.; Denver; and Seattle offices, respectively.

"We are very excited about the enhanced caliber and scope of intellectual property services that Richard, Tom, Jeremy and other recently added IP partners have brought to the FisherBroyles team," said T.J. DeVale, managing partner of the FisherBroyles Intellectual Property Practice Group. "As our firm continues to expand, our clients ranging from high-tech startups to Fortune 500 companies are benefitting from the collective experiences of one of the top IP law groups in the nation."

Since January 2018, FisherBroyles has added 22 new intellectual property law partners – including Eckman, Osborne and Sanders – all with prior Big Law firm experience, the firm said in a release. The firm's IP group includes more than 60 patent prosecutors, 12 trademark prosecutors, and several IP litigators and transaction attorneys.

"I am very happy to continue to provide the high level of service that my clients expect, plus deliver the added value that the FisherBroyles distributed partnership model provides," Eckman said.

Osborne added, "It is very rewarding to work alongside my FisherBroyles colleagues who possess very rich and diverse experiences across the entire spectrum of IP practice."

Sanders said, "I look forward to drawing from my engineering background and in-house experiences to help FisherBroyles

clients maximize the protection and value of their IP assets.”

Eckman’s practice includes worldwide patent estate procurement and patentability, freedom to operate, landscape and IP life cycle management, foreign oppositions and patent litigation issues, diligence investigations, and regulatory requirements, as well as licensing and capture of critical technologies. His experience includes patenting and protecting various biologic and pharmaceutical medicines and treatments, inventions in genomic sciences, lipids and drug delivery systems, diagnostics, life science tools, nucleic acid therapeutics, gene editing and CRISPR methodologies, biotechnology, vaccines, green technology, medical devices, and nanotechnology. Eckman also has experience in the fields of electronics, physics, and computers.

Prior to joining FisherBroyles, Eckman was a partner at Eckman Basu LLP. He also previously was in practice at Goodwin Procter LLP and Morrison Foerster LLP.

Eckman received his J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law. He also holds a Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley and a Bachelor of Science from the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth.

Mr. Osborne primarily represents large and small businesses, as well as technology transfer departments of universities. His practice includes portfolio management, patent preparation and prosecution, licensing and other IP related agreements, due diligence related to client sales and acquisitions, and assisting clients with managing IP litigation and other disputes. He also counsels clients regarding risks related to the introduction of new products, which includes analyzing infringement and validity issues and preparing related opinions. Mr. Osborne has experience in a wide variety of electrical and mechanical technical areas.

Osborne most recently was a partner at Dinsmore & Shohl LLP.

He also previously was in practice at Jones Day and Dorsey & Whitney LLP.

Osborne received his J.D. from the University of Notre Dame and his Bachelor of Electrical Engineering from the University of Dayton.

Sanders focuses his practice on patent prosecution, portfolio development, licensing, development agreements, opinion work, landscape analysis, and assertion strategies. He concentrates his work on a variety of technologies in areas that include the mechanical, electro-mechanical and software arts. He has helped clients create patent strategies that complement their business interests, including patent drafting and prosecution before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, matters before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board, and litigation in the United States and abroad. He has represented both start-up organizations and multiple Fortune 100 corporations.

Prior to joining FisherBroyles, Sanders served as associate general counsel at TerraPower, where he provided legal and intellectual property support in the fields of advanced nuclear reactor and fuel designs. Previously, he served as division IP counsel at the Launch Systems group at ATK. He was also formerly a partner at Lee & Hayes, P.C.

Sanders received his J.D. from the J. Reuben Clark Law School and his Bachelor of Science from Brigham Young University.