

FisherBroyles Adds Five New Partners in IP Group

Cloud-based distributed law firm partnership FisherBroyles LLP announced that John Eisenhart, Elizabeth Haanes, James W. Hill, Keats Quinalty and Cara Crowley-Weber have joined the firm as partners and members of the Patent Prosecution team, which is part of the firm's Intellectual Property (IP) practice group.

"We are thrilled to welcome John, Elizabeth, James, Keats, and Cara to the firm and its Intellectual Property practice group, which continues to expand and solidify its place among the top IP law groups in the nation," said FisherBroyles Intellectual Property Managing Partner T.J. DoVale. "FisherBroyles attracts top-notch talent by aligning the interests of our clients with the interests of the firm and our attorneys. With very low overhead, we can offer our clients the experience of Am Law 200 partner-level attorneys without pricing ourselves out of the market."

The FisherBroyles Intellectual Property practice group includes more than 50 patent prosecutors, 12 trademark prosecutors, and several IP litigators and transaction attorneys. All five new IP partners come to FisherBroyles with strong technical backgrounds and BigLaw experience.

Eisenhart joins the firm's Washington, D.C., office from Nixon Vanderhye P.C. in Arlington, Va. He focuses his practice on U.S. and international patent prosecution for all manner of computer software, telecommunications and voice over IP, imaging and displays, semiconductor fabrication and packaging techniques, mechanical systems, electronics, optics and biomedical engineering technology. He received his J.D. from George Mason School of Law and his Bachelor of Science from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Also based in the firm's Washington office, Haanes most recently was a partner at Thompson Coburn LLP. She focuses her practice on the technology areas of vaccines, infectious diseases, medical diagnostics, biomarkers, personalized medicine, therapeutic antibodies, genomics, proteomics, and gene therapy. She received her J.D. from the University of Colorado, her Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota, and her Bachelor of Science from the University of Michigan.

Hill joins FisherBroyles' Los Angeles office from Perkins Coie LLP, where he also was a partner. His legal practice includes patent litigation and prosecution, strategic counseling, intellectual property due diligence and licensing in the areas of medical devices, biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, software, and signal and imaging processing. He received his J.D. (cum laude) from Boston University, his M.D. from the University of Southern California, and his Bachelor of Science from California State University, Los Angeles.

Based in FisherBroyles' Atlanta office, Quinalty most recently was a partner at Womble Bond Dickinson. He has more than 20 years of experience working with patents, including all aspects of patent application preparation and prosecution, client counseling regarding IP protections and strategies, and drafting opinions. His experience also includes more than two years working as a patent examiner at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. He received his J.D. from the Washburn University School of Law and his Bachelor of Science from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Crowley-Weber joins the firm's Denver office from Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP, where she was a partner and former co-chair of the Intellectual Property practice. She works with companies from coast to coast providing counsel on patent portfolio management and business strategies to drive revenue based on intellectual property in the biotechnology, pharmaceutical, chemical, energy and agriculture industries. Her work also includes advising clients on intellectual

property matters. She received her J.D. from the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, her Ph.D. from the University of Arizona Health Science Center, and her Bachelor of Science from the University of Arizona.