

# Venable Adds a Five-Partner Group of Intellectual Property Litigators Across Several Offices (Chicago, Los Angeles and DC)

Venable LLP is pleased to announce the addition of a group of five partners to its growing Intellectual Property Litigation – Technology Group. Timothy J. Carroll and Steven M. Lubezny will reside in the firm's Chicago office; Manny J. Caixeiro and Laura Wytsma will reside in the firm's Los Angeles office; and Elizabeth M. Manno will reside in the firm's Washington, DC office. In addition, Vivian Sandoval, an associate, will reside in the Chicago office.

Dom Conde, a co-chair of Venable's Intellectual Property Division, said, "We are thrilled that Tim, Manny, and their team are joining Venable. They are outstanding IP litigators who are client focused. They will be the third significant group of outstanding IP lawyers who have joined us in the last two months. They see what we know, namely that lawyers in Venable's IP Group work together as a team and are unsurpassed in experience, depth, and quality. By joining us, they will further enhance that team spirit and reputation."

Justin Pierce, a co-chair of Venable's Intellectual Property Division, said, "We are always on the lookout for top-notch talent, and when we come across the right individual or team, we do all we can to bring them to the firm. That is the case with Tim and his team. They will integrate nicely with our IP attorneys and will work well across other practices and offices."

Mr. Carroll said, "Venable takes pride in investing in its attorneys and offers a true partnership, which is what our team is looking for. The firm has exceptional IP litigation talent and industry experience over many geographic regions, which is very appealing to our practice, as it will enable us to grow our existing client base. We have worked hard to build an ethnically diverse team and look forward to being embraced by Venable."

Mr. Carroll's exceptional record of success in representing industry leaders and emerging companies in high-risk patent cases has earned him the respect of his peers and the trust of his clients. He focuses his practice on cutting-edge technologies, including mobile apps, location-based services, messaging systems, medical devices, content-management platforms, Wi-Fi-enabled thermostats, and green technologies. Mr. Carroll recently achieved an important victory for the leading smart thermostat manufacturer in an ITC investigation concerning the alleged infringement of four patents. The matter resulted in an initial determination in favor of his client. He also served as first chair for the defense in a patent infringement case involving a device referred to as an end fitting, which is used in oil production. It was the first hearing of its kind before Judge Alan Albright, whose courtroom in the Western District of Texas has recently become a hotbed for patent litigation. Mr. Carroll secured an outright victory when the court ruled in favor of his client in pretrial rulings, forcing the plaintiff to stipulate to non-infringement. He went on to successfully argue the appeal before the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Mr. Lubezny focuses his practice on intellectual property litigation and counseling. He has represented clients as litigation and trial counsel in district courts throughout the United States, with regard to such issues as patent infringement, trade secret misappropriation, false advertising, and trademark infringement.

Mr. Caixeiro represents industry leaders and cutting-edge companies in their most challenging litigation matters. He focuses on complex commercial and intellectual property disputes across a range of industries, including software, medical devices, financial services, and entertainment.

Ms. Wytsma represents clients in high-profile, high-stakes litigation, focusing on intellectual property proceedings in federal court, with an emphasis on patent and appellate litigation. She has significant trial experience as lead counsel and excels in presenting complex patent disputes to judges and juries.

Ms. Manno advises U.S. and international clients in the technology industry on patent infringement and other intellectual property matters. She has litigated patent and trademark cases before federal courts nationwide, including the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and has secured wins for clients throughout various stages of litigation. Her intellectual property experience in the technology sector involves semiconductors, GPS, wireless devices, medical devices, and databases.

Ms. Sandoval advises U.S. and international organizations and startups in the software technologies, biomedical, and mechanical devices industries on patent counseling, prosecution, and litigation. Her intellectual property counseling experience includes patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets.