

Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP Adds Comprehensive Patent Prosecution and Intellectual Property Practice from Ryndak & Suri LLP

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Chicago — The national law firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP is pleased to announce that five attorneys and two paralegals from the intellectual property law firm Ryndak & Suri LLP have joined the firm's Intellectual Property practice in Chicago. The attorneys that joined Hinshaw include Ryndak & Suri founder, James D. Ryndak, as well as partners Mark K. Suri and Eric H. Weimers; associates Jeffrey S. Dixon and Roger M. Masson; and paralegals Kathy Burger and Donna Bacso.

"The addition of such a talented team of lawyers illustrates that Hinshaw is a destination for the top talent practicing intellectual property law," said Donald L. Mrozek, Hinshaw's Chairman. "This group will bolster Hinshaw's presence with their technical backgrounds in science and engineering and we are excited for the opportunity to build our team with such an experienced group of professionals. We are especially pleased that in addition to their other skills, the Ryndak group adds to our depth in patent litigation and brings a substantial patent prosecution capability and practice as well."

Hinshaw's Intellectual Property practice attorneys represent companies across a wide range of industries with transactional and litigation matters involving copyright, patent, trademark and trade secret matters.

Mr. Ryndak commented, "One of the many attractions about Hinshaw is that we now have the ability to offer our existing clients the benefits of working with a national law firm." He continued, "Joining Hinshaw will have a synergistic effect for the team as together we are able to provide comprehensive, high-quality intellectual property services across the United States. Our group will provide a comprehensive, full-service patent prosecution capability and practice at Hinshaw, with technical backgrounds including: chemical engineering, chemistry, computer science, electrical engineering and mechanical engineering, with a combined total of more than 80 years of experience. At Ryndak & Suri we represented all types of clients, from Fortune 100 companies to individual inventors. Ryndak & Suri for years was named as one of the Fortune 500 Go-To Law Firms® in Intellectual Property, a very select group of firms limited to those that represent the world's leading companies.

We also achieved great results for individual inventors, including a \$56 million judgment in a patent infringement case. I expect to continue those traditions at Hinshaw.”

Hinshaw’s Intellectual Property practice attorneys are also skilled and experienced litigators. So, where litigation is unavoidable, the firm provides sage legal counsel. Among many other types of cases, the team litigates patent infringement, trademark infringement and dilution, and copyright infringement disputes; represents clients in unfair competition, trade secret, false advertising and right of publicity cases; and counsels clients in computer and internet law cases.

About the Attorneys Joining the Firm

James D. Ryndak practices in all areas of domestic and foreign intellectual property law with a focus on patent prosecution, licensing, litigation and client counseling, including patent validity, infringement and enforceability. He also specializes in trademark, copyright, unfair competition and trade secret matters and also represents clients in matters in state and federal courts and the Patent Trial and Appeal Board. Mr. Ryndak is registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Mr. Ryndak received his J.D. from the Institute of Technology, Chicago-Kent College of Law with honors and his B.S. in Chemical Engineering from Purdue University.

Mark K. Suri currently practices across all areas of intellectual property law and is also registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Mr. Suri has represented clients on patents, trademarks, copyrights, unfair competition, and trade secrets and has considerable experience advising clients on issues related to the Internet. He has extensive litigation experience and draws on that experience to provide advice to clients to help avoid litigation. Mr. Suri received his J.D., *summa cum laude*, from the University of Iowa College of Law. He also received his M.S. in Chemistry from the University of Iowa and his B.A. in Chemistry and Biology from Luther College.

Eric H. Weimers received his J.D., *cum laude*, from Tulane University School of Law. He also received his B.S.E.E. and a B.S. in Computer Science from Tulane University. Mr. Weimers is registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Specifically, his practice focuses on domestic and foreign intellectual property law including patent validity, patent prosecution and trademark selection. He also focuses on registration and enforcement, copyrights, trade secrets, licensing and related litigation before the federal courts, the Patent Trial and Appeal Board and the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board.

Jeffrey S. Dixon received his Master of Law, with honors, in Intellectual Property Law and his J.D., *cum laude*, from the John Marshall Law School. He received his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He is also fluent in Spanish and is also registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Mr. Dixon is a member of the American Intellectual Property Law Association, Chicago Bar Association and the American Society of Mechanical Engineering.

Roger M. Masson focuses his practice on patent and trademarks including assisting in prosecution and litigation. Mr. Masson received his J.D. from DePaul University College of Law and received his B.S. degree in Chemical Engineering from Northwestern University. He also is a member of the American Bar Association, Illinois State Bar Association and the Chicago Bar Association and is fluent in French.

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