

CARROLL, BURDICK & MCDONOUGH LLP ADDS PROMINENT IP LITIGATOR ROBERT MCFARLANE

Former Townsend and Townsend and Crew Attorney Expands Firm's Intellectual Property Offerings

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12, 2010 – Carroll, Burdick & McDonough LLP, a preeminent California-based litigation and business law firm with clients around the globe, adds patent and intellectual property litigator Robert McFarlane to its San Francisco office as a partner, expanding the firm's IP offerings and augmenting its business litigation capabilities. McFarlane joins following more than a dozen years with San Francisco IP boutique Townsend and Townsend and Crew.

"As businesses have become increasingly dependent on intellectual property, Carroll Burdick has long supported blue chip clients with IP infringement and licensing issues. From a truly strategic perspective, we also understand that patents, trade secrets and the complete intellectual property portfolio are integral to many of today's commercial disputes, and we are continually seeking to supplement our offerings in this regard," said Vicki Freimann, the firmwide managing partner. "Rob is no less than brilliant with an outstanding reputation. His deep experience with general business and soft IP, as well as the most complex patent litigation, enables us to further expand into the IP realm – a definite boon for our clients."

Through attorneys like Partners Dana Beldiman, who focuses on international IP issues; Matthew Miller, who has experience with trade secret disputes, and Daniel Wu, who has taken on patent, trademark and copyright infringement, Carroll Burdick has handled significant national and international IP-related matters from its four California offices.

"I'm excited to join Carroll Burdick, as the firm's outstanding attorneys promise to offer my clients a broader range of business and litigation services that complement IP. I also anticipate I'll be working with many of the firm's sophisticated clients – both domestically and internationally – to provide representation in intellectual property matters," said McFarlane. "While many general practice firms are seeking to add IP capabilities, Carroll Burdick has a concrete plan for integrating the practice, and I look forward to helping to lead the firm's expansion into this business-critical area."

McFarlane is a registered patent attorney focused on patent infringement, trade secret and other intellectual property and technology-related disputes and counseling.

He has litigated patent infringement matters in courts throughout the country involving a wide range of technologies, including semiconductor fabrication and power technologies, microprocessor design, computer hardware and memory devices, optics and optoelectronics, circuits, textile chemistry, oil exploration and refining, optical character recognition, maritime operations, and consumer products.

McFarlane is an adjunct professor at Golden Gate University School of Law where he teaches patent law and serves on the Intellectual Property Law Center Advisory Board. He is also a frequent writer and speaker on IP litigation issues and legal ethics. McFarlane received his J.D. from University of California, Hastings College of the Law (1994) and his B.A.S., with departmental honors, in industrial engineering and political science from Stanford University (1990).

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