

Lathrop & Gage Promotes Nine to Partner Status

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (Jan. 4, 2012) – Lathrop & Gage LLP announced it has elected nine attorneys to partner status: Aaron Bradford, Matthew Corbin, Marshall Honeyman, Matthew Jacober, Travis McCallon, Jack Merritts, Justin Poplin, Bridget Romero, and Charlene Wright.

Aaron Bradford (Business Litigation – Denver): Bradford concentrates his practice in business litigation with experience as lead counsel in trials involving intellectual property, medical defense and complex torts. He has been selected a Colorado *Super Lawyer* “Rising Star” in litigation since 2009 and was the Denver Bar Association’s 2008 Young Lawyer of the Year. Bradford is currently the chair of the Colorado Pledge to Diversity, co-chair for the Denver Children’s Hospital’s “WHEELS OF JUSTICE,” on the board of directors for the Colorado Campaign for Inclusive Excellence, and a member of the steering committee for the Dean’s Diversity Counsel. He is a graduate of the University of Denver Sturm College of Law.

Matthew Corbin (Business Litigation – Overland Park): Corbin concentrates his practice in business litigation, representing clients in disputes such as breach of contract matters, loan enforcement actions, construction matters, insurance disputes, regulatory matters, business torts and professional liability matters. He is a member of the Earl E. O’Connor American Inn of Court. Corbin is a graduate of the University of Kansas School of Law.

Marshall Honeyman (Intellectual Property – Overland Park): Honeyman practices intellectual property law with an emphasis on advising clients with respect to patent matters. Prior to joining the firm, he worked in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, as both a patent examiner and an associate solicitor. He previously has been selected as a Missouri & Kansas *Super Lawyer*, was the recipient of the U.S. Patent and Trademark “On the Spot” award, and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Special Achievement Award. Honeyman is a graduate of Washburn University School of Law.

Matthew Jacober (Business Litigation – St. Louis): Jacober focuses his practice on business litigation and has experience in leasing transactions, criminal and civil defense, *qui tam* defense, enforcement of non-competition covenants, litigation on behalf of homeowners alleging builder or developer fraud and representation of property owners in condemnation proceedings. He previously worked for the Criminal Justice Panel and was a special assistant attorney general for the State of Illinois. Jacober is a graduate of the John Marshall Law School.

Travis McCallon (Intellectual Property – Kansas City): McCallon concentrates his practice on intellectual property matters, primarily assisting clients in patent, trademark, copyright and trade secret litigation, as well as assisting with Internet domain-name dispute via administrative dispute resolution proceedings. He was selected as a “Rising Star” for Missouri & Kansas by *Super Lawyers* magazine. McCallon is a graduate of the University of Tulsa College of Law.

Jack Merritts (Corporate – Denver): Merritts focuses his practice in corporate and real estate law. He has represented exploration and operating companies in the acquisition, permitting, development and operation of coal, uranium, hardrock mineral and oil and gas projects; individuals, developers and mineral exploration and development companies in acquisition of easements and rights-of way; and plaintiffs and defendants in complex litigation in federal and state courts in areas including boundary disputes, zoning issues, securities fraud and professional liability. Merritts is a graduate of Harvard Law School.

Justin Poplin (Intellectual Property – Overland Park): Poplin’s practice focuses on transactional and litigated intellectual property matters, primarily assisting clients with patent issues. He is a registered patent attorney and has aided clients with obtaining, enforcing, avoiding infringement, and licensing patents in a wide range of technologies. He also has experience in managing intellectual property portfolios, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets, licensing and confidentiality issues. Poplin is a graduate of the University of Georgia School of Law.

Bridget Romero (Labor & Employment – Kansas City): Romero concentrates her practice in labor and employment law, representing employers in responding to and handling charges of employment discrimination. She has experience litigating age, sex, race, national origin, disability and retaliation claims. Romero also counsels business clients regarding employment agreements, drug testing policies and unemployment claims. She was selected as a “Rising Star” for Missouri & Kansas by *Super Lawyers* magazine. Romero is a graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law.

Charlene Wright (Environmental – Kansas City): Wright’s practice focuses on environmental law, specifically energy and pipeline regulatory matters and litigation arising from the construction and operation of natural gas, crude oil, refined products and gas liquid pipelines and the transportation and storage of hazardous materials in North America. She represents clients in compliance, enforcement and permitting matters, as well as defending energy clients in litigation resulting from rupture, leak, fire and explosion in state and federal courts. Wright is a graduate of the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law.

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