



## Lathrop Gage Promotes Seven to Partner

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (January 6, 2014) - Lathrop Gage LLP announced that Sean Coughlin, James Dallner, Joseph Growney, Rustin Kimmell, Kevin Kuhlman, Tripp Lake and Tom Leland have been elected to partner status effective January 1, 2014.

**Sean Coughlin** (Intellectual Property - Boston): Coughlin advises clients and prepares and prosecutes patent applications, domestic and foreign, primarily in the life sciences. He also advises clients on issues relating to patent portfolio management and licensing as well as freedom-to-operate, validity, infringement and patentability opinions. He is a graduate of Georgetown University Law Center.

**James Dallner** (Intellectual Property - Denver): Dallner is a civil trial attorney specializing in large, complex commercial litigation, with an emphasis on trials and appeals. His practice is concentrated in the areas of patent, trademark, copyright and trade secret litigation, as well as subrogation matters and construction disputes. He has also litigated commercial matters in a wide variety of contexts, including cases in the gaming, entertainment, computer, and banking industries, as well as securities, environmental, real-estate, and fair housing matters. He is a graduate of the University of Montana School of Law.

**Joseph Growney** (Wealth Strategies - Overland Park): Growney concentrates his practice in all areas of estate planning, including the preparation of basic and complex estate planning documents, and the implementation of sophisticated planning techniques. He also assists high net worth individuals and closely-held businesses with business succession planning and tax planning, including the formation of corporations, partnerships and limited liability companies, and structuring of corporate reorganizations and recapitalizations. He is a graduate of the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law.

**Rustin Kimmell** (Environmental - Kansas City): Kimmell's experience includes working as a consultant with landowners whose property is located within oil and gas exploration project areas, working as a project manager for approximately 15 contaminated soil and groundwater sites throughout Kansas, working as a research assistant to identify methods for reduction of nutrient losses in agriculture runoff water, and working as a biological science technician collecting and analyzing surface water samples and assisting in production of surface water quality reports. He is a graduate of the University of Kansas School of Law.



**Kevin Kuhlman** (Business Litigation - Kansas City): Kuhlman focuses his practice on tort litigation, representing individuals and businesses in resolving both litigated and non-litigated disputes. He has significant experience representing major corporations in matters involving breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, toxic tort, premises liability, product liability and employer intentional tort claims brought in state and federal courts throughout the United States. He is a graduate of Washington University School of Law.

**Tripp Lake** (Intellectual Property - Denver): Lake focuses his practice in the area of intellectual property litigation. He is an experienced trial, healthcare and appellate attorney, and his previous work includes six years working with physicians in medical malpractice defense, providing advice on Healthcare Regulation matters to physicians and physician practices and three years as Deputy District Attorney for the Eighteenth Judicial District. He has handled numerous State and Federal Appeals on a broad range of topics, ranging from application of complex Federal jurisdiction doctrine to interpretation of State health care regulations. He is a graduate of the University of Denver Sturm College of Law.

**Tom Leland** (Business Litigation - Denver): Leland handles complex commercial litigation, arbitrations, and business disputes, particularly in the energy and natural-resources industries and in cases involving technical subject matters. He represents several oil-and-gas companies, and has litigated a wide variety of cases on behalf of mining companies, telecommunications firms, software companies, entertainment and television groups, hospitals and healthcare providers, and colleges and universities. He is a graduate of George Mason University School of Law.

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