



## Lathrop Gage Adds Five Attorneys in Kansas, Massachusetts and Missouri

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**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (Nov. 29, 2016)** - Lathrop Gage today announced the addition of five attorneys in four offices: Casey C. Breese, Andrew W. Custer, Ryan P. O'Grady, Elizabeth D. Hatting and Ashley N. Minton.

### **About the attorneys:**

Casey C. Breese joins the firm's Business Litigation Practice team as an Associate in St. Louis. A former summer associate at Lathrop Gage, Breese represents clients in litigated and non-litigated business-to-business disputes such as insurance disputes, professional liability matters, regulatory matters, breach of contract matters, business torts and loan enforcement actions. He graduated with a bachelor's degree from Missouri State University and earned a juris doctor at Washington University School of Law.

Dr. Andrew W. Custer, a new Associate in the Boston office, joins the firm's Intellectual Property Practice team. Dr. Custer focuses his practice on patent prosecution and diligence in the life sciences. He has procured patents and performed IP diligence across many areas of biotechnology, including molecular diagnostics, genomics, stem cells, protein and immunologic therapeutics, mass spectrometry, and microfluidic chip assays. Dr. Custer obtained his Ph.D. in Neuroscience from the University of Rochester and his juris doctor from the University of Florida, Gainesville.

Ryan P. O'Grady joins the firm's Intellectual Property Practice team as a Staff Attorney in Overland Park, Kansas. O'Grady focuses his practice on Intellectual Property transactions with an emphasis on trademarks and copyrights. He is a former law clerk at Lathrop Gage. O'Grady received his bachelor's degree from the University of Kansas and his juris doctor from the University of Kansas School of Law.

Elizabeth D. Hatting joins the firm's Business Litigation Practice team as an Associate in Kansas City, Missouri. A former summer associate at Lathrop Gage, she represents clients in litigated and non-litigated business-to-business disputes such as insurance disputes, professional liability, regulatory, breach of contract, business torts and loan enforcement actions. Hatting graduated with her bachelor's degree from Truman State University and earned her juris doctor from the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law.



Ashley N. Minton, a new Associate in the Kansas City office, joins the firm's Tax & Employee Benefits Practice team. She focuses her practice on representing clients in federal income taxation matters, including entity formation and dissolution, partnership and limited liability company issues, corporate reorganization and issues affecting charitable and other tax-exempt organizations. She received her master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Oklahoma and earned a juris doctor from the University of New Mexico. Most recently, she obtained a Masters of Laws in Taxation from Boston University.

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