

**GRANT LANGTON JOINS SNELL & WILMER'S
LOS ANGELES INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY GROUP**

LOS ANGELES (July 9, 2014) – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce that intellectual property and patent prosecution attorney Grant Langton has joined the firm's Los Angeles office as partner. Langton will co-chair Snell & Wilmer's California intellectual property practice group and chair the Los Angeles intellectual property group. He joins Snell & Wilmer from the law firm Novak Druce Connolly Bove + Quigg LLP, where he was managing partner of the Los Angeles Office.

“Snell & Wilmer is committed to providing clients with superior legal services,” said Ketan Vakil, co-chair of Snell & Wilmer's intellectual property group. “Grant's outstanding qualifications and exceptional national reputation will further enhance the value we bring to clients. Additionally, his energy, focus and leadership will be valuable assets to the Los Angeles office, the intellectual property group and the firm as a whole.”

Langton's extensive practice spans over 20 years and emphasizes domestic and international patent and trademark prosecution, strategic patent and trademark portfolio creation, maintenance, enforcement, licensing and counseling. He has significant experience prosecuting patent and trademark applications worldwide, and has prepared licensing, consulting, employment, confidentiality, technology and product development agreements. Langton regularly counsels clients on matters related to patentability, design-around options and the infringement, validity and enforceability of patents. He has assisted in-house counsel, presidents, chief executive officers, and chief financial and chief technology officers in the development, maintenance and exploitation of intellectual property portfolios. Langton has also been recognized as a leading practitioner in his field. In 2011 he was named a Top Patent Prosecutor by *Patent Buddy and Patent Research Review*, and in 2013 and 2014 *Managing Intellectual Property Magazine* named him an IP Rising Star. He is an AV® Preeminent™ rated attorney on Martindale-Hubbell.

Langton earned his B.S. *Magna Cum Laude* in Chemical Engineering and a minor in Material Science from California Polytechnic University. He went on to work as a process and design engineer for Chevron USA prior to earning his J.D. from Loyola Law School.

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