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## **SNELL & WILMER DENVER OFFICE EXPANDS IP PRACTICE WITH ADDITION OF FOUR EXPERIENCED PATENT ATTORNEYS**

**DENVER (December 17, 2019)** – Snell & Wilmer is pleased to announce the addition of four attorneys to the Intellectual Property and Technology practice group in the Denver office. **James L. Johnson**, **Kent Lembke** and **Russell T. Manning** all joined in early December, and Ross E. Breyfogle will join on December 30. All four attorneys join Snell & Wilmer as counsel and focus their practice on patent prosecution and counseling.

“Technology continues to be one of the fastest growing industries in Denver,” said **Curt Reimann**, managing partner of Snell & Wilmer’s Denver office. “These four veteran practitioners have deep experience helping clients protect their intellectual property rights and will significantly increase our ability to help Colorado tech companies develop their products and businesses.”

The group’s arrival continues the growth of the firm’s Denver IP practice, which earlier this year welcomed counsel **Daniel Ackerman**, who focuses on trademark portfolio management, and **Ryan Ivey**, an attorney with a concentration in life sciences and medical technology. Counsel **C. Matthew Rozier**, who concentrates his practice on complex patent, trade secret and trademark litigation, joined Snell & Wilmer in 2017.

Johnson is a registered U.S. patent attorney with 30 years of experience in the intellectual property field. He focuses on protecting clients’ technology-based assets, including providing counseling with regard to both offensive and defensive positioning considerations. He earned his J.D. from the University of North Dakota School of Law and his B.S.M.E. from the University of North Dakota.

Lembke focuses his practice on patent preparation, prosecution, and enforcement and IP due diligence support of transactions. He works closely with his clients to protect their inventions and provides counseling regarding IP strategies for a wide range of technologies. Lembke has a J.D. from the University of Colorado School of Law and a B.S.M.E. from the University of North Dakota.

Manning represents clients in diverse matters involving intellectual property rights, including patent preparation and prosecution for both startups and established companies. He has prepared hundreds of patents in the mechanical, electro-mechanical, software and medical industries. Manning earned his J.D. from the University of Wyoming College of Law and his B.S.M.E. from the University of Wyoming.



James L. Johnson



Kent Lembke



Russell T. Manning

Breyfogle's legal practice is focused on patent protection and the intellectual property aspects of technology-related assessments, transactions, due diligence and strategic counseling. He has experience working with startup companies through a full life cycle, from funding rounds to acquisition. Breyfogle earned his J.D. from the University of California Davis School of Law and a B.S.Ch.E. from the Colorado School of Mines.



Ross E. Breyfogle

"We are excited to join Snell & Wilmer, a nationally recognized firm with a team of top-notch attorneys who work together to deliver exceptional client service," said Manning. "This opportunity allows us to support our clients with a new level of resources."

All four new attorneys join from the boutique IP firm Marsh Fischmann & Breyfogle LLP and all are registered with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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