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VORYS GROWS IP TEAM, WELCOMES 10 IP LAWYERS IN PITTSBURGH

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Vorys announced today that 10 intellectual property (IP) lawyers with diverse technical backgrounds will join a growing IP team at Vorys. The arrival of these new lawyers continues the firm's strategic growth in the Pittsburgh market and in the IP arena.

John Thomas, James Dilmore and Richard Ting will join the firm as partners; Chip Dougherty, Jeanine Graham, Alexandra Haner and Maryellen Feehery Hank will join as of counsel; Elisabeth Healey will join as an associate; and William Krayner and Regina Petrucci Neumann will join as contract attorneys. In addition, Amy Rupert will join the firm as a patent agent and Antonelle Piccirilli will join the firm as a paralegal. All 12 patent professionals most recently practiced at Beck & Thomas, P.C., a highly respected IP boutique in Pittsburgh.

"This team allows us to better serve and add to the growing list of clients calling upon Vorys for IP-related services," said Daren Garcia, managing partner of the Vorys Pittsburgh office. "As part of our growth strategy for the Pittsburgh market, we have sought lawyers who share a passion for working at a firm that values innovation, team work, integrity and excellent client service. This team is an outstanding match for us both firm-wide and in Pittsburgh, specifically."

With this addition, the firm's ranks now include more than 30 patent, copyright, trademark and IP litigation attorneys and agents across its seven offices. Vorys' IP team includes lawyers with experience in diverse technical areas encompassing chemical, pharmaceutical, mechanical, business methods, electrical, computer, software and biotech. In 2017, the Vorys patent team launched PatentlyIntegrated, which provides a unique set of services designed to improve clients' efficiencies, patent quality and patent budget spend management.

"Vorys is widely respected in the industry for its legal abilities, client service and collegiality. They also have an outstanding IP team that does work for clients around the globe," John Thomas said. "Vorys was a good match for us for a variety of reasons, including the similarities between our firm cultures and values; and experience in all aspects of IP law."

The new team joins a dozen Vorys lawyers already practicing in its Pittsburgh office. The office opened in late 2013 and has grown steadily over the past four years.

Short biographies of the new team members can be found below:

Thomas has significant experience in IP law and works closely with business owners to understand their concerns about protecting their major IP assets. He has counseled established national and international companies and startup companies on issues related to a broad range of IP laws. In addition, Thomas is an IP law professor at Carnegie Mellon University. He received his B.S. in chemistry from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and his J.D. *cum laude* from Duquesne University School of Law.

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Dilmore focuses his practice on patent prosecution, patent infringement litigation and technology evaluation in support of product acquisition and launch. He has a vast experimental background and training in neuroscience, pharmacology, cellular biology and chemistry. Dilmore is an adjunct IP law professor at Duquesne University School of Law. He received his B.Ch.E. in chemical engineering from the University of Delaware, his M.S. and Ph.D. in neuroscience from the University of Pittsburgh and his J.D. from Duquesne University School of Law.

Ting counsels clients in a wide variety of IP matters, including patent infringement and validity assessments, freedom-to-operate analyses, IP litigation, and patent and trademark prosecution. He has particular technical expertise in the life sciences and has assisted clients with IP analyses in preparation for filing Abbreviated New Drug Applications. In addition to his legal work, Ting serves as a commissioner on the Pennsylvania Governor's Advisory Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs. Ting received his Sc.B. *magna cum laude* with honors in biochemistry from Brown University, his S.M. in toxicology from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and his J.D. from Harvard Law School.

Dougherty has more than 18 years of experience counseling clients on patent strategy, technology licensing and litigation matters. In addition, he has represented clients in a wide range of IP litigation involving technology as diverse as pharmaceutical formulations (both branded and generic), DNA cloning and expression, medical devices, nutritional supplements, video streaming, financial services software, industrial hoist design, copyright ownership and horizontal drilling processes. He is the current president of the Pittsburgh Intellectual Property Law Association, serves on the executive committee of the Carnegie Science Center and is a director on the Mediation Counsel of Western Pennsylvania. Dougherty received his B.S. in biology from Gannon University, his M.S. in Animal Science from Pennsylvania State University and his J.D. *cum laude* from Duquesne University School of Law.

Graham has represented clients in various facets of IP law, both as outside and in-house counsel. She has also been involved in all aspects of IP litigation. As in-house counsel, she managed outside counsel in Hatch-Waxman related litigation. She has also conducted invalidity, patentability and freedom-to-operate analyses and has been involved in various due diligence projects. In addition, Graham has prosecuted patents in the pharmaceutical and chemical arts and has also prosecuted trademarks. She received her B.A. in biochemistry from University of Pennsylvania and her J.D. with honors from Rutgers University School of Law.

Haner also has experience as both outside and in-house counsel. She has deep strategic experience managing and directing litigation teams, from pre-litigation to trial and through appeal; negotiating resolutions and settling disputes; providing patent opinions (validity, enforceability and freedom-to-operate); conducting patent landscape analysis, competitive patent monitoring, and patent due diligence; negotiating and drafting licensing, marketing, development, and supply and manufacturing agreements; preparing and prosecuting U.S. and international patent applications; and representing clients in the pharmaceutical,

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nutraceutical, chemical and medical device industries. Haner received her B.A. with honors in chemistry from Wellesley College, her Ph.D. with honors in chemistry from Princeton University and her J.D. from Fordham Law School.

Hank has been counseling clients on IP matters for nearly 20 years. She has advised clients on IP strategy development and implementation; patent prosecution, including reexaminations and reissues; patent opinion work; negotiation of complex IP transactions; trademark prosecution; trade secret counseling; patent, trademark and trade secret litigation; and other intellectual property counseling. Hank has appeared before the U.S. Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for pharmaceutical and specialty chemical clients, among others. She received her B.S.E. in chemical engineering from the University of Pennsylvania and her J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Healey has an extensive background in organic, inorganic and polymer chemistry, as well as research experience in areas involving pharmaceutical development, biochemistry and materials science. She also has experience serving as a patent agent, a scientific information analyst, a research scientist in a pharmaceutical company and as an X-ray crystallographer and post-doctoral research associate at the University of Oregon, where her work involved the development and optimization of new synthetic strategies for preparing novel discrete inorganic nanoclusters and the investigation of metal-organic receptors for biological compounds. Healey received her B.S. in chemistry and her M.S. in organic chemistry from University Claude Bernard in Lyon, France. She received her Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of South Florida and her J.D. from Duquesne University School of Law.

Krayer has served as in-house counsel and as outside counsel. He has advised companies from a wide variety of technologies, including water treatment, mining, polymer chemistry, automatic controls, steelmaking, oilfield processes and many others. His experience includes domestic and international technology licensing, providing infringement and validity opinions and managing major patent litigation for corporate clients. Krayer received his B.S. in chemistry from the University of Pittsburgh and his J.D. from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law.

Neumann is an experienced IP litigation attorney and has appeared before courts in Pennsylvania, Virginia and the District of Columbia. She has litigated cases involving commercial transactions, trade secret matters and unfair competition. She received her B.A. in corporate communications from Duquesne University and her J.D. from Duquesne University School of Law.

Rupert has recently been registered to practice before the U.S.P.T.O. as a patent agent. She has experience in pharmaceutical and mechanical patent applications, as well as extensive experience in assisting with the technical aspects of patent opinion preparation. Rupert received her B.S. in chemistry from Indiana University of Pennsylvania *summa cum laude* and her Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Pittsburgh.

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In addition, Marcia Johnston and Annie Parsons will join as legal secretaries.

About Vorys: Vorys was established in 1909 and has grown to be one of the largest law firms with nearly 375 attorneys in seven offices in Pittsburgh; Columbus, Cincinnati, Cleveland and Akron, Ohio; Washington, D.C.; and Houston, Texas. The Pittsburgh office is located in the heart of downtown. Vorys currently ranks as one of the 200 largest law firms in the United States according to *American Lawyer* magazine.