## Firm News

## Atlanta Lawyers Launch New Intellectual Property Law Firm

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ATLANTA (April 19, 2010) – Attorneys from top Atlanta law firms today announced the formation of a new law firm, focused exclusively on intellectual property law. Meunier, Carlin and Curfman, LLC launches in Atlanta on Monday, April 19, 2010 and will provide patent prosecution, IP transaction and trademark services along with intellectual property strategy and management services.

The four founding principals include Tina McKeon, Ph.D. and Andrew "Drew" Meunier from the Atlanta office of Fish & Richardson, an international IP law firm. Christopher Curfman, Ph.D. joins from Ballard Spahr's Atlanta office and Gregory Carlin joins the firm from his role as Intellectual Property Counsel with Edwards Lifesciences, a medical device maker in Southern California. Carlin was previously affiliated with Alston & Bird, an Atlanta-based law firm. Also joining from Fish & Richardson are Miles Hall, D.V.M., who will be an Associate Attorney; Andrew Baraniak, Ph.D. and Kimberlynn Becnel Davis, Ph.D. join as Patent Agents.

"I am pleased to be stepping into a small firm with such an elite team. We have had a great response so far from both current and prospective clients, who seem eager for an alternative to big-firm IP law but who still want and need quality legal work," said Dr. Tina McKeon. "Our new firm gives us the flexibility to be very client-centric. After speaking with our clients, I think our timing, focus, and flexibility offer a welcome change," added Drew Meunier.

MCC has leased 8,000 square feet of Class A office space in the Historic Biltmore Hotel in Midtown Atlanta, located at 817 W. Peachtree Street. The firm will focus heavily on the life sciences sector, drawing on the Principals' strong legal and technical backgrounds in biotechnology, chemistry, pharmaceuticals and medical devices.