

New Hires

Firm Expands Litigation and Patent Prosecution Practice With Three New Hires

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ATLANTA (May 21, 2013) –Meunier Carlin & Curfman, LLC announced today that IP attorney [David Moreland](#) has joined the firm in an Of Counsel role. Mr. Moreland, a registered patent attorney and experienced IP litigator, adds significant depth to the firm’s litigation practice.

Trained as an electrical engineer, Mr. Moreland provides a broad range of patent-related services to clients that are developing, enforcing or commercializing innovations in fields such as payment systems, business methods, semiconductors, computer peripherals and components, mobile devices, software and telecommunications. In addition, he represents companies in complex contractual, trade secret and trademark matters in both state and federal courts. Firm litigator Steve Schaetzel notes, “David enjoys a sterling reputation and has an excellent track record. He has practiced in all phases of IP law and has extensive litigation experience along with a unique skill set. We are excited that he decided to join us.”

Mr. Moreland's recent successes include a complete defense victory and finding of invalidity in the Northern District of Georgia for patents related to advanced cleaning systems and fluids; a plaintiff verdict and damages award for a major prepaid card distributor enforcing its patented gift card methods and systems against a competitor in Wisconsin; and the successful defense of a Fortune 100 electronics device manufacturer in patent litigation in the Northern District of Georgia regarding high-definition projector technology.

Mr. Moreland has been actively involved with a number of bar-related and community groups, offering his leadership in recent years to the Atlanta Bar's IP Section, the Georgia Bar's Young Lawyers Division, the American Intellectual Property Law Association, the Fernbank Museum and the Atlanta Rotary Club.

Meunier Carlin & Curfman also welcomes two patent agents who recently joined the firm. Dr. MengMeng Fahrni, a distinguished chemist and registered patent agent, works with the firm's chemical, pharmaceutical, medical device and biotechnology clients. **Janell Cleveland**, a former patent examiner with the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office, will focus on biotechnology, medical device and pharmaceutical patent prosecution. "Mengmeng and Janell bring superior technical and scientific skills that further extend the firm's depth and ability to handle the most technically challenging matters. We're delighted to welcome them both," said Larry Aaronson, the firm's Managing Principal.