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Barnes & Thornburg Adds Two Patent Attorneys In Minneapolis

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MINNEAPOLIS – Barnes & Thornburg LLP announced today that Dr. Scott Rothenberger and Jeffrey Stone have joined the firm's Minneapolis office as partners in the Intellectual Property Department. Rothenberger was previously at Norton Rose Fulbright LLP, while Stone served as chair of the patent prosecution group at Winthrop & Weinstine P.A.

Rothenberger, who holds a Ph.D. in organic chemistry, focuses his practice on patent prosecution and licensing within the pharmaceutical, chemical and biotechnology sectors. He also provides technical and legal support for ongoing intellectual property litigation, and advises clients on patentability, due diligence, and infringement and validity opinions.

Stone's patent practice spans prosecution (domestic and foreign), patentability opinions, non-infringement opinions, diligence, litigation, licensing, and strategic client counseling. He works in a variety of technology and biotechnology fields, including medical technology and devices, pharmaceutical compositions, drug delivery, optics, biosensors, fluid flow control, precision agriculture, global positioning, and semiconductors.

"Today's pharmaceutical industry is more competitive, more global, and more regulated than ever before," said Connie Lahn, managing partner of Barnes & Thornburg's Minneapolis office. "In this evolving environment, companies are seeking legal advice that is both sound and practical, but also grounded in trusted technical and industrial knowledge. Scott and Jeff possess these qualities, and we expect they'll be invaluable resources not only to clients, but to their peers here at the firm."

About Scott Rothenberger

In his 20 years of practice, Rothenberger has overseen the pharmaceutical patent portfolios of a leading research hospital, guided startups in developing intellectual property strategies, and advised a pharmaceutical company on licensing, patent acquisition, and enforcement. He is a frequent speaker and writer on patent portfolio management, licensing, and other intellectual property topics related to biotechnology and pharmaceuticals. In 2014 and 2015, he was named one of the world's leading patent professionals by Intellectual Asset Management.

Rothenberger earned his J.D. from Franklin Pierce Law Center, his Ph.D. from the University of New Hampshire, and his B.S. from Albright College. He is admitted to practice in Minnesota, Massachusetts, and before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

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About Jeffrey Stone

Before his legal career, Stone worked at both large and small medical device companies in various capacities, including R&D, quality systems, and regulatory affairs. Heavily involved in the innovation and business strategy of his clients, Stone often advises on the design, development and commercialization processes.

Stone earned his J.D. from the Mitchell Hamline School of Law, his M.P.H. from the University of Minnesota, and his B.S. from the University of North Dakota. He is admitted to practice in Minnesota and before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and the USPTO.

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