



## STEIN, MCEWEN & BUI LLP Welcomes Four New Intellectual Property Professionals

January 4, 2007 - The attorneys of Stein, McEwen & Bui, LLP are pleased to have Alan M. Ehrlich join the firm as Of Counsel, and Gregory L. Clinton, Nathan H. Cristler, and Matthew T. Gill join the firm as associates.

### Alan M. Ehrlich

Alan M. Ehrlich, Of Counsel, received a B.A. cum laude in Chemistry from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1963, an S.M. in 1965 and Ph.D. in 1968 in Chemistry from M.I.T., and an M.B.A. in Finance from Georgia State University in 1972. He received his J.D. in 1991 from George Washington University where he served as a Dean's Fellow teaching Legal Research and Writing and on the Moot Court Board as Judge's Chair. Dr. Ehrlich is admitted to practice law in Maryland and the District of Columbia and before the U.S. District Court of Maryland and the U.S. Supreme Court. He is also registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Prior to joining Stein, McEwen & Bui, LLP, he was with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of General Counsel from 1991 to 2004, and was Patent Counsel from 1995 through 2004. From 1992 to 1997 he was also an Associate Professorial Lecturer in Law (adjunct) at the George Washington University Law School. From 1967 to 1991, he held various positions as a scientist in industry and government. After leaving the Government, he was in private practice specializing in the field of intellectual property.

Dr. Ehrlich's major practice area is in the chemical arts and transactional matters such as licensing agreements and cooperative research agreements. While in the EPA's Office of General Counsel, Dr. Ehrlich supervised the writing and prosecution of over 100 applications for pollution control technology, energy saving engine technology (including hybrids), pollution detection methods, environmental monitoring methods, and computer modeling. He negotiated, wrote or reviewed over 100 patent license agreements and cooperative research and development agreements. He was the EPA official representing the EPA's position in the litigation surrounding Unocal's patents for reformulated gasoline, including arguing the EPA's position on certiorari directly before the Solicitor General. He served as inside counsel to the Department of Justice on the patent infringement case, *Chemical Separation Technology v. United States*, 53 USPQ2d 1419 (Fed. Cl. 1999) and 63 USPQ2d 1114 (Fed. Cl. 2002) and the employee rights case, *Breton v. Evans*, both of which led to decisions in the government's favor in 2006.

### Gregory L. Clinton

Gregory L. Clinton, associate, attended the George Mason University School of Law, where he received a J.D. in 2006. He received a bachelor's degree in computer science from Cornell University in 2001. Mr. Clinton is registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and is a member of the Virginia Bar



Mr. Clinton has drafted applications for electrical inventions and prepared amendments in response to Office Actions. Mr. Clinton previously worked at the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Patent Examiner in Group Art Unit 2154, where he examined patent applications in the computer networks area (class 709/200+).

As a member of the *George Mason Law Review*, Mr. Clinton wrote a comment about the 2004 Federal Circuit case *Chamberlain Group v. Skylink Technologies, Inc.*, 381 F.3d 1178 (Fed. Cir. 2004), in which Chamberlain alleged that Skylink's universal garage door openers violated the Digital Millennium Copyright Act. The *George Mason Law Review* published the comment in 2006.

#### Nathan H. Cristler

Nathan H. Cristler, associate, received a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering in 2002 and a J.D. in 2005, both from The University of Texas at Austin. He is currently an active member of the State Bar of Texas.

Mr. Cristler has drafted and prosecuted patent applications in many areas including mechanical structures, hydrogen producing devices, polymer and fiber applications, computer programs and systems, medical instruments, and Internet services. He has also authored expert patent and initial patentability opinions. Mr. Cristler has provided services in trademark prosecution and litigation including likelihood of confusion analyses, concurrent use proceedings, oppositions, cancellations, and letters of objection. Furthermore, he has handled and advised clients with respect to licenses, assignments, and nondisclosure agreements for all areas of intellectual property.

While an undergraduate student, Mr. Cristler performed award-winning research in electrochemical detection methods of RNA and DNA. He also worked in polymers where he researched metallocene catalysts and production efficiency, and he wrote several computer programs and models. While in law school, Mr. Cristler performed an ideological study of judicial decision making federal courts.

#### Matthew T. Gill

Matthew T. Gill, associate, received a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from the University of Virginia in 1998, a Master's degree in biochemistry and molecular biology from Georgetown University in 2004, and a J.D. from the William and Mary School of Law in 2001. Mr. Gill is a member of the Virginia State Bar and is registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Mr. Gill has been working in the field of intellectual property law since 1998. During this time, Mr. Gill has drafted and prosecuted patent applications in many areas including mechanical structures, micro-fluidic devices, chemical and biotechnology-related inventions. He has also authored expert patent opinions, including infringement, validity and freedom to operate opinions. Mr. Gill has also provided services in trademark prosecution. Furthermore, he has handled and advised clients with respect to licenses, assignments, and know how agreements related to university licensing while working for Georgetown University.



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