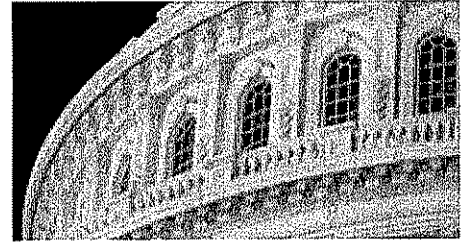




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Attorneys Defect From Staas & Halsey To Form New DC IP Boutique

IP Law Bulletin (Thursday, December 09, 2004)-- Seven attorneys have left Washington, D.C.-based intellectual property firm Staas & Halsey, LLP to found a new boutique in the capital.

The new firm, Stein, McEwen & Bui, LLP, opened on December 1 and is fully operational, according to Michael Stein, one of the founding partners.

In addition to the two name partners from Staas & Halsey, the third name partner, Hung H. Bui, was a partner from Arlington, Virginia-based intellectual property specialty firm Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP.

The firm will offer a wide array of services, including patent prosecution, licensing and counseling, across every industry, Stein said.

Jack Staas, a name partner at Staas & Halsey, LLP, said the separation "was by mutual agreement and amiable."

He said Staas & Halsey is currently interviewing attorneys to hire replacements for the departed attorneys.

Staas & Halsey had roughly 30 attorneys before the recent departures. The firm, founded in 1971, was ranked as the 29th largest patent firm in the U.S. by Intellectual Property Today last year, measured by the number of patents filed.

The Washington, DC metropolitan area is home to several of the largest U.S. intellectual property specialty firms, including Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner, L.L.P.; Sughrue Mion

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