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Brinks Gilson & Lione Adds Nine Associates to Support Growing Demand for Its Intellectual Property Law Expertise

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CHICAGO—In response to rising demand for its core intellectual property legal services, Brinks Gilson & Lione recently announced the hiring of nine new associates.

Brinks' incoming associates have professional and educational backgrounds covering a wide range of specialties in the sciences and engineering, including mechanical, biomechanical, biomedical, biological, chemical, and electrical engineering. They join an accomplished team of Brinks attorneys, scientific advisors, and patent agents with advanced degrees in diverse fields of technology and science, and expertise in all aspects of patent, trademark, unfair competition, trade secret, and copyright law.

'We're pleased to welcome this talented group of individuals,' said James R. Sobieraj, president of Brinks, the sixth largest intellectual property law firm in the United States. 'They are highly qualified in both the law and the sciences, an exceptional combination of skills that is a distinguishing characteristic of the attorneys in our firm.'

Eight of the new attorneys are in Brinks' office in Chicago: [David Bernard](#), [Craig C. Bradley, Jr.](#), [Yongsok Choi](#), Jennifer Coronel, [Christopher Gerardot](#), Joshua H. James, [Andrew McElligott](#), and Daniel A. Parrish. [Briana Emerson](#) is in Brinks' Ann Arbor office.

Added Sobieraj, 'As companies and universities around the world turn to Brinks for both IP prosecution and litigation to protect their innovations, they can be confident that we will continue to maintain the highest standards in developing our team.'

A registered patent agent, [David Bernard](#) gained legal experience as a clerk at a Cleveland law firm, where he drafted responses to United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) actions and prosecuted several patent applications. He gained mechanical engineering experience as a project team member for a National Science Foundation senior design project, as an intern at Ohio-based Swagelok Company, and as a professor's assistant at The Ohio State University. Bernard is a 2014 graduate of the Indiana University Maurer School of Law, where he received the Michael and Janie Maurer Scholarship and was a member of the Intellectual Property Association. He holds a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from The Ohio State University, where he specialized in biomechanical engineering.

Craig Bradley, who joins Brinks' trademark practice, graduated *magna cum laude* in 2014 from the University of Illinois College of Law, where he served as Articles Editor for the *Journal of Law, Technology & Policy*. Bradley was a two-time summer associate at Brinks; he worked at the firm in 2012 and 2013. Prior to joining Brinks as an associate, Bradley also worked as an extern for the Honorable John W. Darrah, District Court Judge in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. Bradley graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of Illinois with a Bachelor of

Music in Music History, where his focus was jazz guitar.

[Yongsok Choi](#) is a patent attorney in his native Korea, where he prepared and prosecuted patent applications for the electronics, telecommunications, semiconductor, and software industries, and counseled clients on both the Korean IP system and international patent filing strategies. Choi also worked as a trainee and summer associate at a Tokyo IP firm, where he prepared amendments and arguments in response to Japanese patent office actions, monitored changes in Korean patent law, and advised Japanese clients on their implications. Choi previously completed a training course for IP lawyers through the Korean Intellectual Property Office. He is a 2014 graduate of the Boston College Law School, and graduated *cum laude* from Seoul National University with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering.

Jennifer Coronel's prior legal experience includes a judicial externship for the Honorable Joan Lefkow of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, an internship at the Bluhm Legal Clinic's Children and Family Justice Center, and a clerkship with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office in the Felony Trial Unit. Coronel graduated in 2014 from the Northwestern University School of Law, where she received a merit scholarship and was involved with the *Northwestern Journal of Technology and Intellectual Property*. She graduated with distinction from the University of North Carolina with a B.A. in International Studies.

[Briana Emerson](#) gained experience in patent law at a Grand Rapids, Mich.-based law firm, and in mechanical engineering through internships at DTE Energy in Detroit and Rockwell Automation in Troy. Emerson graduated *magna cum laude* in 2014 from the Michigan State University College of Law, where she was vice president of professional law society Delta Theta Phi, as well as a member of the Intellectual Property Law Society, the Women's Law Caucus, the Michigan Intellectual Property Inn of Court, and the Business Law Society. She graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Detroit Mercy with a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering degree.

[Christopher Gerardot](#) has prior legal experience in patent prosecution as a summer associate at an Indiana law firm, and in manufacturing engineering through internships at Parker Hannifin, Murray Equipment, and Zimmer, Inc. Gerardot attended the University of Michigan Law School; he graduated *cum laude* in 2014. He also attended Purdue University-Fort Wayne, where he earned a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and was recognized as a Distinguished Scholar of Engineering by the faculty.

[Joshua James](#) was a Brinks summer associate in 2013. He gained additional legal experience as a summer associate at another Chicago firm, and as a legal intern at Rolls-Royce North America, where he supported the patent approval process, developed patent mapping tools and strategies, and searched prior art. James attended Indiana University Maurer School of Law, where he was a board member for the *Indiana Law Journal*, a research assistant for a patent law professor, and a member of the Intellectual Property Association. He graduated *cum laude* in 2014. James also graduated summa cum laude from the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) with dual Bachelor of Science degrees. He achieved a perfect GPA in each of his majors, Biomedical Engineering and Chemical and Biological Engineering.

[Andrew McElligott](#) gained legal experience as a summer associate at Brinks and as a professor's assistant while studying at The John Marshall Law School. Prior to that, he spent four years performing scientific research at the Loyola University Cardiovascular Institute, where he gained expertise in a variety of surgical and diagnostic procedures and co-authored several articles. McElligott graduated *magna cum laude* from John Marshall in 2014, where he received a full academic scholarship as the Hon. Howard T. Markey Distinguished Scholar. He also served as lead articles editor of *The John Marshall Review of Intellectual Property Law* and as a Board Member of the Trial Advocacy and Dispute Resolutions Honors Council. McElligott holds a B.S. in Science Pre-professional from the University of Notre Dame.

Daniel A. Parrish is an inventor and engineer with three pending patents on neuro-stimulation treatments for obstructive sleep apnea, and has authored articles on the topic in multiple academic publications. He has worked in both legal and scientific roles at three med-tech startups, each a spinoff from the same medical device incubator, where he gained additional experience with cataract and

glaucoma treatments. In 2014, Parrish graduated with honors from the William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul, Minn., where he held an editor position for *Cybaris*®, an intellectual property law review, and authored an article on a new USPTO post-grant procedure for the same journal. While in law school, Parrish worked as a law clerk and completed an independent externship with two Minneapolis IP law firms. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Minnesota, where he double-majored in Biomedical Engineering and Human Physiology.

According to the most recent data published by *Intellectual Property Today*, Brinks' patent prosecution practice has enjoyed consistent growth over the last four years. Brinks attorneys saw a total of 1,937 U.S. patents issued in 2013, for year-over-year growth of 12% in the number of patents obtained. The number of patents secured by Brinks for its clients has increased 28 percent since 2011 and by more than a third since 2010.

In 2014, Brinks established a post-grant practice group to counsel clients on patent litigation strategies under the provisions of the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act (AIA). The group also oversees proceedings before the USPTO and the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB).

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