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Boyle Fredrickson Announces New President and Board of Directors

MILWAUKEE—Boyle Fredrickson, Wisconsin's largest intellectual property law firm, has announced a new president and board of directors. Serving as president is Peter C. Stomma, a firm partner since 2001. He succeeds Andrew S. McConnell, who continues his full-time practice at Boyle Fredrickson with an emphasis in intellectual property prosecution, counseling and pre-litigation dispute resolution.

Serving additional terms on the Milwaukee-based firm's board are Vice President Michael J. Gratz and Secretary Timothy E. Newholm. They are joined by the firm's newest addition to the board, Keith M. Baxter, who also succeeds Stomma as the firm's treasurer.

Stomma is a graduate of Drake University School of Law. His focus is on patent, trademark and copyright law and he has made several appearances before the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, various United States district and state courts and the Board of Patent Appeals.

Gratz, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin School of Law, helped found the firm in 1999. He is the past chair of both the Milwaukee Bar Association's Intellectual Property Section and the St. Thomas More Lawyers Society of Wisconsin. Gratz is also the past president of the State Bar of Wisconsin's Intellectual Property Section, and specializes in patent, trademark, and copyright law, licensing and computer law.

Newholm, who also co-founded the firm, is a graduate of George Mason University School of Law. With prior experience as an adjunct professor of law at the Marquette University School of Law and patent examiner with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Newholm provides expertise in the practice areas of patent prosecution, client counseling and patent litigation. He has also contributed to several articles and books on patent law.

Baxter, who specializes in patent protection and counsel, the strategic use of patents and prelitigation management of patent disputes, graduated with honors from Georgetown Law and earned his undergraduate degree in electrical engineering from Yale University. His election to the Board of Directors comes only two years after his appointment as a Boyle Fredrickson partner in 2007.

A graduate of the University of Wisconsin School of Law, McConnell joined the firm as a partner in 2001 and served as its president from 2007 – 2008. He is also a past president of the Wisconsin Intellectual Property Law Association and specializes in patent, trademark and copyright law emphasizing prosecution, counseling, licensing and dispute resolution. He is a member of the State Bar of Wisconsin, the American Bar Association, the American Intellectual Property Law Association and the Milwaukee Bar Association.

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About Boyle Fredrickson

Boyle Fredrickson was founded in 1999. With 21 attorneys specializing in intellectual property law, it is Wisconsin's largest intellectual property law firm and the 22nd largest law firm in the Milwaukee area. The firm, which filed 657 patent applications and 214 trademark applications in 2008, handles all aspects of intellectual property law, including patent, trademark and copyright prosecution; foreign intellectual property; trade secret and unfair competition protection; information technology and e-commerce law; and all related licensing and litigation. Boyle Fredrickson was recently named as one of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Association of Commerce's 2008 Future 50 Award Winners. The Future 50 program recognizes privately-owned businesses that show significant revenue and employment growth.

Boyle Fredrickson is headquartered at 840 N. Plankinton Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53203. For more information, log on to www.boylefred.com, email mail@boylefred.com or call 414-225-9755.

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