GRAND RAPIDS — The law firm of Warner Norcross & Judd LLP has added Catherine Collins, an experienced intellectual property attorney.

Catherine will join the firm as a partner, in the Grand Rapids office. She is a registered patent attorney with the U.S. Patent and Trademark office, and joins the Technology and Intellectual Property Practice at Warner Norcross from the boutique IP firm VanDyke, Gardner, Linn & Burkhardt LLP in Grand Rapids.

"We are incredibly pleased to welcome Catherine," said Douglas E. Wagner, managing partner. "She has strong skills, an excellent background and broad experience in the intellectual property area. She will be able to make immediate contributions to our Technology and Intellectual Property practice."

A former patent examiner with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Collins brings more than 18 years of counseling, procuring and protecting intellectual property rights in the United States and abroad to her new role with Warner Norcross. She has extensive experience in litigation support and procurement of mechanical, electromechanical, medical devices, medical equipment, semiconductor manufacturing equipment, clean technology, business method and software patents, in addition to trademarks. Collins also has extensive experience in intellectual property due diligence reviews for mergers and acquisitions.

Collins also spent eight years working as an engineer and supervisor in the nuclear engineering and construction industries. In this role, she focused on power plant piping and seismic evaluations, gaining hands-on experience in these growing areas.

Collins is a member of the American Bar Association and the Federal Bar Association. She has been recognized in Best Lawyers in America and as one of West Michigan's top lawyers by Grand Rapids Magazine. Further, she served as a council member and is a past chair of the Intellectual
Property Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan.

She holds a bachelor of science in civil engineering from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. and a doctor of jurisprudence from Southern Methodist University in Dallas. She also studied electrical engineering at the University of Texas in Arlington.


TAGS: catherine collins  grand rapids  legal  warner norcross & judd

Add comment

You must login or register to post a comment.

Most Popular Tags

column  design build  economic development  education  finance  grand rapids  healthcare  human resources  kalamazoo  manufacturing  parting shots  small business  sustainable business  tbl  west michigan

PEOPLE MENU

Manufacturing
Economic Development
Design Build
Finance
Healthcare
Human Resources
Commercial Business
Commercial Real Estate
Education
Technology
Legal
BUSINESS DATEBOOK

<< August 2011 >>

IN THE NEWS

Windfall? State positioned to serve wind industry despite challenges

To B or not to B? State considering new sustainably minded business classification

Union-only agreements struck down by governor, impact uncertain

Race Ready

New investments signaling healthier economy

Submit News | Contact Us | About Us | Locations | Newsstands | About Us | Privacy Statement & Terms | eNewsletter Archives | Order Reprints | Business Resource Links | Made In Michigan | RSS Feeds | Careers

Copyright © 2011 MiBiz - Michigan Business News and Information for Western Michigan. All Rights Res