Slusser Wilson & Partridge Joins Fulbright & Jaworski

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HOUSTON--(BUSINESS WIRE)--The highly regarded, Chambers-rated, Houston intellectual property trial firm of Slusser Wilson & Partridge, L.L.P. has joined forces with the internationally regarded firm Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Bill Slusser, Mike Wilson and Jayme Partridge have extensive jury trial experience in patent cases. Each has an engineering degree and excels at making technical issues understandable.

"Our lawyers have worked with, and tried cases against Bill, Mike and Jayme and are very impressed with their capabilities," said Steven B. Pfeiffer, the Chair of Fulbright's Executive Committee. "This group is a strategic addition to our intellectual property practice during a time when businesses know that their ideas, processes and information are among their most valuable assets."

Bill Slusser, a well known and respected trial lawyer, is experienced at handling patent infringement and technical suits, as well as antitrust, general business and product lawsuits. He is a fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers and the American Law Institute, as well as being individually ranked in Chambers USA, where he is cited as: "an esteemed litigator with vast experience in patent infringement."

"Bill is an American College trial lawyer who knows his way around a courtroom," said Stephen C. Dillard, the head of Fulbright's Global Litigation Department. "He is experienced in leading trial teams in high stakes cases. We are thrilled to have a team with this skill level and experience join our firm."

Mike Wilson worked as a research engineer in petroleum refining for six years prior to seeking his law degree. He then spent two years working as a patent lawyer for ExxonMobil. Wilson has represented clients in patent infringement, breach of patent license, trade secret misappropriation, toxic tort and trademark infringement matters.

Jayme Partridge was a licensed petroleum engineer, working for ExxonMobil for six years before receiving her law degree. She has significant experience in patent infringement and complex commercial litigation.

Together, Slusser Wilson & Partridge have represented Fortune 500 clients, as well as individuals in trials involving technology associated with oil and gas production, petroleum chemicals, electronics and consumer products. Before forming their own firm, the three principals began their legal careers at Baker Botts L.L.P., where Slusser served as head of the Trial Department and as a member the Executive Committee.

"With the global demands clients have today, many need the resources and depth a larger firm can provide," Slusser said. "As we considered whether to expand our firm or join a larger firm, Fulbright's global reach and strength in energy and litigation offered an ideal opportunity."

Slusser received his J.D. from The University of Texas School of Law in 1972 and his undergraduate degree in electrical engineering from The University of Texas at Arlington in 1970. Wilson received his J.D. from the University of Tulsa in 1987 and his undergraduate degree in chemical engineering from the University of Arkansas in 1981. Partridge received her J.D. from The University of Texas School of Law in 1991.
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and her undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering from Texas A&M University in 1982. Each is licensed to practice law in Texas.

"Attracting patent trial lawyers with the experience this group brings is a unique opportunity," said James W. Repass, the co-head of Fulbright's Intellectual Property Department. "We are thrilled to have Bill, Mike and Jayme as part of our firm. They bring additional depth and strength when it comes to providing our clients with comprehensive intellectual property trial capability."

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