

**MATTHEW K. BLACKBURN JOINS DIAMOND MCCARTHY LLP
TO LEAD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY GROUP**

San Francisco, CA, July 11, 2016 -- Diamond McCarthy, a boutique law firm focusing on complex global litigation, corporate and financial restructuring, bankruptcy, construction, and commercial real estate matters, announced that Matthew K. Blackburn has joined the firm as a Partner, and will lead the firm's Intellectual Property Practice focusing on patent, trademark and copyright issues. The IP Practice will partner closely with the existing Diamond McCarthy Brand Protection Practice.

Mr. Blackburn has extensive experience in IP litigation and pre-litigation counseling as lead attorney and trial counsel in high-stakes patent infringement litigation. His work has encompassed a wide array of technology areas, including medical devices, polymer products, computer and networking equipment, consumer products, electronics equipment, industrial equipment, pharmaceuticals, software, and various mechanical devices.

A registered patent attorney with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), Mr. Blackburn's experience also includes post-issuance review proceedings, Board appeals, and *ex parte* prosecution before the USPTO. He also counsels clients on their IP strategy, including legal analysis of validity, infringement and freedom to operate issues.

Mr. Blackburn is Chair of the Patent Litigation Committee for the American Bar Association's Intellectual Property Law Section (2015-2016 term).

He is admitted to practice in the California, the District of Columbia and Maryland Courts, as well as the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, U.S. District Courts of the Northern District of California, Central District of California, Eastern District of California, and the U.S. Courts of Appeal for the Federal Circuit and 9th Circuit.

An honors graduate of the Stevens Institute of Technology, Mr. Blackburn received his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center in 1997.

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