

## Axinn, Veltrop & Harkrider Boosts IP Practice

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*Wednesday, Feb 06, 2008* --- As part of a broader push to expand the firm's intellectual property practice, Axinn, Veltrop & Harkrider LLP has boosted the ranks in its Hartford, Conn., office with the addition of Jeremy C. Lowe, who joins the firm as a partner.

The boutique firm specializes in antitrust, intellectual property and complex litigation, and is growing rapidly. Other additions to the intellectual property practice in Hartford this month include Edward M. Mathias and Daniel J. Dorward as senior associates, and Ti Chen as a junior associate. Chad Landmon, who has been with Axinn, Veltrop & Harkrider for seven years, was also promoted to partner.

"We've been on a one to two year expansion in the intellectual property practice that's in large part driven by pharmaceuticals but also involves all technologies," said James Veltrop, chair of AV&H's intellectual property and biomedical practice groups. "In the last few years, the intellectual property group has been exploding."

The boutique firm offers a mix of a high-end litigation practice and an intellectual property practice that Veltrop said can create a very attractive environment for attorneys, particularly those who focus on litigation.

"In the eleven years since Steve Axinn, John Harkrider and I started this firm, we have been joined by a number of extremely talented lawyers," said Veltrop. "Their talent has helped to drive our success and I'm confident that our new attorneys will contribute greatly to our continued success."

New partner Jeremy Lowe has extensive experience with complex patent cases, with recent success in a five-year-long patent infringement dispute between Eastman Kodak Company and Agfa-Gevaert NV, which involved seven patents and over a dozen products. Representing Agfa-Gevaert, Lowe successfully defended the case to verdict.

Lowe's practice also centers on patent analysis, due diligence, valuation and licensing. Registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trade mark office, Lowe has also prosecuted domestic and international patent applications for the National Institutes of Health and pharmaceutical manufacturers.

"I've had a couple of lives as an attorney. I started off as a prosecuting attorney for patents, cranking out patents and patent applications," said

Lowe, who noted that he quickly gravitated toward the litigation side of patent law, which is now the primary focus of his practice.

Lowe said the continued growth at AV&H and its strong forward momentum was also a key motivation for him to make the move.

“The recipe here is one of growth and success,” he said. “The more I learned about the firm, the more I realized that it was a compelling opportunity for me.”

The current drive to boost the firm's bench strength is sure to continue, Veltrop said, as the client base continues to expand.

“Cases are growing and the clients have been very attracted to the firm's model,” he said. “I'd hire a dozen new attorneys tomorrow if I could find qualified ones that quickly.”

Before joining Axinn, Veltrop & Harkrider, Lowe was formerly a partner at Leydig, Voit & Mayer Ltd. in the firm's Chicago office. Lowe received his J.D. from Washington University, St. Louis and has a B.S. In Chemical Engineering from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Axinn, Veltrop, & Harkrider has offices in New York, Washington D.C. and Hartford, Conn.