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## Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP Continues Expansion with Launch of an IP Group and the Opening of a San Diego Office

Los Angeles, June 20, 2019 – With an already significant presence throughout California, Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP, announces the launch of an Intellectual Property (IP) practice group with the addition of seven lateral partners who bring with them a significant depth in all aspects of IP transactional and litigation practice along with a sophisticated client base. With the addition of this group, Burke will offer expanded services for key industry sectors including real estate, manufacturing, privacy and data security, and financial services.

Burke's newest attorneys bring with them a combined 110 years of experience in advising, litigating, and finding solutions to their clients' patent, trademark, copyright, trade secret, data security and privacy issues and needs.

Burke's IP practice group was initiated by the addition of Meghan Canty Murphey, Paul E. McGowan and Matthew D. Murphey, formerly of Troutman Sanders, who are resident in the firm's Orange County office; Robert W. Dickerson, Jr., formerly of Jones Day, who is resident in the firm's Los Angeles office; and Patricia L. Peden, Charles C. Yang and John Yang, formerly of LeClair Ryan, who will be resident in Burke's San Francisco and Oakland offices.

Burke's IP lawyers will work with a broad spectrum of clients – creating and refining strategies for protecting and monetizing some of the most significant and valuable product innovations, technologies, and brands in the marketplace. The group's services will include advice, counseling, trademark and patent prosecution, litigation in federal and state trial and appellate courts, as well as mediation, arbitration, and administrative litigation before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

"I'm delighted to be joining this impressive team," Rob Dickerson said. "As a litigator and former managing partner, I know the firm's collaborative culture will prove invaluable to serving our diverse global clients."

"Bringing in such a deeply credentialed and highly regarded team of IP lawyers fits perfectly with our strategic goals," said John J. Welsh, Burke's managing partner. "This group expands our capabilities in patent matters and broadens our intellectual property and litigation service offerings. Their impressive scientific and technical

backgrounds complement our significant industry practices. We are thrilled to welcome them to Burke.”

In addition to the new IP group, Burke has recently opened a location in San Diego, which becomes the firm’s 10<sup>th</sup> office. This office opening is part of a broader strategic growth plan to further counsel clients and enhance Burke’s already robust legal services in the state.