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Porzio, Bromberg & Newman P.C. Announces Opening of Washington DC Office With New Principal Hires Kevin Bell, Scott Chambers and Richard Oparil

*Expansion to support continuing growth of life sciences and IP practice,
extending the firm's presence on eastern seaboard to five offices*

MORRISTOWN, N.J., September 3, 2014 - Porzio, Bromberg & Newman P.C., a leading regional law firm serving clients nationally and in Europe, today announced the opening of a new Washington DC office. The new office will be led by Kevin Bell, Scott Chambers and Richard Oparil, intellectual property lawyers who are joining the firm from Squire Patton Boggs, with Porzio principal Timothy Ayers. They will be supported by others from Squire Patton Boggs who are joining Bell, Chambers and Oparil, for a total of at least 12 lawyers and professionals. The office is located at 1200 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. Porzio has existing offices in New Jersey, New York and Massachusetts.

"We are deeply committed to building upon the great legacy we have established over five decades and are genuinely excited to welcome a group of partners of this caliber," said D. Jeffrey Campbell, principal and managing partner of Porzio, Bromberg & Newman. "As individuals, Kevin, Scott and Richard each are highly talented lawyers who, along with their extended team, bring sophisticated patent prosecution and litigation experience to the table. As a group, they and Tim materially add to the legal and other services that Porzio, Bromberg & Newman, and our subsidiary, Porzio Life Sciences, provide to clients, directly contributing to the long-term growth and success of the firm."

"The increasing importance of the life sciences industry combined with heightened regulatory oversight in this and other industries have combined to put Washington DC at the crossroads of business today," said Campbell. "As a law firm with deep roots in life sciences and intellectual property, as well as government affairs, education, financial services, and manufacturing, among other industries, the opening of this office is the catalyst for an exciting new chapter for Porzio, Bromberg & Newman," Campbell added.

The addition of Bell, Chambers, Oparil and their team is a valuable enhancement to Porzio's existing capabilities in high-stakes patent litigation, white-collar defense and external investigations, particularly in the life sciences arena. It also bolsters Porzio's strengths in FCPA and other governmental prosecutions and investigations. They will be joined in the new DC office by Timothy Ayers, a principal with Porzio. Ayers counsels pharmaceutical, medical device and biotechnology companies on a range of compliance-related issues.

"A unique entrepreneurial spirit, long-standing commitment to excellent client service, dedication to the professional growth of its lawyers and a genuinely collaborative culture constitute a highly attractive environment and were the deciding factors that convinced Scott, Richard, me and our support team to join Porzio in establishing a DC office," said Kevin Bell. "The firm has the geographic presence and strength in IP and other key practices to offer clients excellent representation under highly competitive conditions. We are very excited about this opportunity to contribute to this next phase of Porzio's IP practice and to the firm's growth overall."

Porzio's Washington presence includes subsidiary Porzio Life Sciences, which was established to help companies in the life sciences industry improve the productivity and efficiency of their sales and marketing programs while maintaining compliance with complex federal and state regulations. Earlier this year, Porzio Life Sciences unveiled the International Life Sciences Transparency Database. Created in conjunction with Europe-based Aubyn Life Sciences, the database contains in-depth information on laws, codes, and pending legislation related to sales and marketing practices and interactions between life sciences companies and healthcare providers outside the US. In July, Porzio Life Sciences announced the development of PorzioGST, a global, state-of-the-art spend transparency solution. Timothy Ayers, who is relocating to the Washington office, is also a vice president of Porzio Life Sciences.

Kevin Bell handles matters relating to complex patent litigation for numerous domestic and multi-national clients involving large intellectual property portfolios and multiple foreign jurisdictions. He has been active in multi-district litigation and represents companies in a broad range of technologies that include chemical, biotech, pharmaceutical, medical device, dietary supplement, software, semi-conductor and computer science-related matters before federal courts throughout the country, the ITC, the appellate court system and various alternative dispute resolution forums.

Scott Chambers served as an associate solicitor for the USPTO, where he defended the USPTO's patentability determinations and statutory interpretation before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and district court. He has also drafted Examination Guidelines for the Examining Corps of the USPTO and congressional testimony for the agency regarding biotechnology and patents. Highly recognized and honored for his work in the field of patents, Dr. Chambers has served as a frequent speaker on behalf of the USPTO at industry events involving the American Bar Association, the American Intellectual Property Law Association, the Intellectual Property Owners Association and the Biotechnology Industry Organization. He is also an adjunct faculty member at Georgetown University Law School, Catholic University Law School and George Washington Law School, where he teaches classes on international intellectual property law and advanced courses in patent law.

Richard Oparil has been actively engaged in litigating complex federal cases throughout the United States for over 25 years. He helps biotechnology, defense, financial services, software and other clients in patent infringement, trade regulation and complex business litigation at the trial and appellate levels. Having tried cases in courts and before administrative bodies, and having done extensive appellate work, Mr. Oparil has also represented clients in high-profile investigations conducted by the Department of Justice, independent counsels and Congress.

About Porzio, Bromberg & Newman

Porzio, Bromberg & Newman P.C. is a leading regional law firm that provides counsel to companies on intellectual property, government affairs, corporate, labor and other matters with a focus on multiple sectors including bankruptcy and restructuring, life sciences, education, environmental law, professional services and real estate. Founded in 1962 and headquartered in Morristown, NJ, Porzio, Bromberg & Newman has offices in: Morristown, NJ; New York City; Washington DC; Princeton, NJ; and Westborough, MA. Chambers USA recognizes the firm's lawyers as leading practitioners in products liability, bankruptcy and restructuring, and environmental law. Porzio Life Sciences, LLC is a subsidiary that provides products and services to help companies remain compliant with the growing body of international regulations governing marketing and sales in the life sciences industry. Porzio Governmental Affairs, LLC assists clients with legislative, regulatory and business development efforts in New Jersey and the District of Columbia. For more information, visit <http://www.pbnlaw.com/> or call (973) 538-4006.

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