

## Vincent M. DeLuca Joins the Vorys Intellectual Property Group

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Vorys is pleased to announce that Vincent M. DeLuca has joined the firm as a partner in the technology and intellectual property (IP) group. DeLuca, who has more than 30 years of experience across the full spectrum of US patent law, will practice in the firm's Washington, D.C. office.

"Vincent is a respected patent attorney, and we're thrilled to welcome him to Vorys," said Benita A. Kahn, chair of the Vorys technology and IP group. "Vincent's experience in the electrical arts and his work with patents on computer processes, software and telecommunications will strengthen the Vorys IP group."

DeLuca has been focused on intellectual property and in particular patent law his entire career. He began as a patent examiner in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in 1982 upon graduating from Columbia University School of Engineering and Applied Science with a degree in electrical engineering. He became a patent agent in 1986, a patent attorney in 1987 and has since been engaged in patent procurement, preparation and ex parte as well as inter partes patent reexamination proceedings. His representation of clients includes dozens of appeals before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (formerly Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences); client counseling; and the preparation of formal opinions on issues of infringement, validity and enforceability. He also has served as patent co-counsel in multiple patent litigation matters representing patent owners as well as defendants, both in the U.S. District Courts and the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

"I am excited to add my 30 years of patent experience to the Vorys technology and IP group," DeLuca said. "I am looking forward to assisting the firm's clients with their patent-related issues and to continue strengthening the firm's technology practice."

During his career, DeLuca has written and prosecuted patents on a plethora of computer-implemented processes and software including: BlueTooth and wireless communication systems; mobile apps, virtual private networking (VPN); encryption methods and systems; medical

diagnostics and monitoring systems; lasers; liquid crystal display systems; and digital electronics systems. He also has patent litigation experience. He has successfully argued appeals before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Prior to joining Vorys, DeLuca was a partner with Novak Druce Connolly Bove + Quigg LLP.

DeLuca was listed as one of the 2013 “Top Rated Lawyers in Intellectual Property” by Martindale-Hubbell and as one of the inaugural “IP Stars” by *Managing Intellectual Property* magazine.

DeLuca received his J.D. from the George Mason University School of Law. He received his B.S. in electrical engineering from the Columbia University School of Engineering and Applied Science. He is admitted in the District of Columbia, Commonwealth of Virginia, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia and the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, as well as the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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