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Frost Brown Todd expands its top-rated IP practice

Frost Brown Todd (FBT) is pleased to announce the addition of experienced attorney Douglas W. Schelling to the firm's Nashville office and Intellectual Property Practice Group. Schelling joins approximately 50 other professionals on the IP team, and will focus his practice on counseling and representing clients in matters related to patents, trademarks, domain name disputes, and trade secrets.

Frost Brown Todd's IP group recently received recognition as one of the world's top trademark practices in the 2015 edition of *World Trademark Review 1000* (WTR 1000), and has also been named one of the top patent practices in the region by *Chambers USA*. Members of the team are spread across several markets, including Cincinnati, Columbus, Indianapolis, Louisville, and Nashville. Like many of the other attorneys in the group, Schelling has an advanced technical background and degree. In addition to his law degree from the University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law, he has a B.S. in biology and a Ph.D. in Cellular and Molecular Biology from the University of Kentucky. He leverages this technical background to assist clients across industries in evaluating the patentability of inventions, preparing and prosecuting patent applications, evaluating potential trade and service marks, enforcing trademark rights, preparing and prosecuting applications for trade and service marks nationally and abroad, and drafting and negotiating various intellectual property related agreements.

Intellectual property attorneys play a vital role in the increasingly competitive global marketplace where strong brands and brand protection are essential for success. Frost Brown Todd IP attorneys focus on trademark work as well as patents, copyrights, trade secrets, licensing, interactive media, advertising, and first amendment and media. They counsel and represent clients in prosecution, litigation and portfolio management, assist with anti-counterfeiting measures in the U.S. and abroad, and work on cases involving ongoing enforcement efforts for world-famous brands.

Frost Brown Todd's Nashville office is led by member-in-charge Mekesha Montgomery and has grown to about 30 attorneys with a wide range of knowledge and skills. The group has specialized industry experience representing clients in the automotive, government relations, healthcare, payments industry, financial institutions, technology and international sectors.

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