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FIRM OVERVIEW:

Carlson, Caspers, Vandenburg & Lindquist (CCVL) is a preeminent intellectual property litigation firm in Minneapolis, Minnesota. It specializes in counseling sophisticated clients, large and small about their most important patent, trademark, copyright, trade secret and high technology cases. With the addition of five attorneys in 2008, CCVL now has a pharmaceutical group.

OVERVIEW:

CCVL's lawyers are extraordinarily talented. The firm's mission is to provide exceptional service and value to their clients by hiring only the very best lawyers. No other intellectual property litigation firm in the Upper Midwest can rival the procedural and substantive knowledge of intellectual property, the technical know-how and the trial and appellate experience of its lawyers. CCVL's attorneys have extensive experience in successfully advising and navigating clients through complex business disputes before litigation becomes necessary. Through proactive, far-sighted business strategies, CCVL wins disputes before they arise. In the pre-litigation area, CCVL specializes in: developing client-specific business plans to enforce and license patent portfolios; negotiating licenses; conducting pre-suit investigations including patent infringement and validity studies; conducting due diligence investigations in support of mergers, acquisitions, and divestitures; developing patent procurement and patent prosecution strategies; and consulting in the prosecution of key patents before the Patent and Trademark Office.

The scope of its trial experience is unequalled. Featuring one of "Minnesota's winningest Trial Lawyers," CCVL's jury and bench trial experience extends well beyond the complex patent and high technology cases. **Alan Carlson** the first patent lawyer in Minnesota to become a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, has also tried cases dealing with trademark, trade dress, unfair competition, copyright, interference with contract, and libel.

R.J. Zayed is a former Assistant United States Attorney and has more federal jury trials than most attorneys in Minnesota. During his tenure as a federal prosecutor, he tried over 30 cases to a jury. He also has over 11 years experience litigating intellectual property cases across the country.

J. Derek Vandenburg is the appellate lawyer of choice for intellectual property. He has worked on an enormous variety of litigation matters, including disputes concerning patents, trade secrets, design patents and trademarks. He is a former law clerk at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Philip Caspers has 17 years experience dedicated to litigating patent disputes. He brings an experienced business and legal perspective to each patent case. A veteran of over a hundred patent battles, Phil has developed strategies for some of the most complex patent disputes the firm's clients have faced.

Tim Lindquist's practice encompasses all phases of patent litigation, including proceedings in Federal District Court and the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. He also handles disputes in informal forums such as mediation and arbitration. Like Mr. Vandenburg, he is a former Federal Circuit law clerk.

Partners **Mark D. Schuman** and **Jeffery Ali** joined CCVL in 2008. Both are litigators practicing in the area of the pharmaceutical arts. They have represented generic drug companies, securing for them the right to make lower cost alternatives to the branded products. This team has worked on the generic versions of Prilosec®, Protonix®, Uroxatral®, Zantac®, and Focalin® among others.

CCVL employs attorneys with technical backgrounds in a number of diverse areas. Alan's undergraduate degree is in mechanical engineering, while Phil and Derek have degrees in physics, Tim and R.J. graduated with degrees in electrical engineering, Mark's degree is in chemical engineering and Jeff's is a Doctor of Pharmacy. Their associates have undergraduate backgrounds that include biology, chemistry, computer engineering and chemical engineering. They also employ attorneys who have clerked at the federal circuit and some have worked as in-house counsel for Fortune 500 companies. CCVL's depth of knowledge, combined with their expertise in patent law and creative discovery, litigation, Markman, and trial strategies, is unequalled. It is this front-to-back credibility that has made CCVL the go-to firm for patent-savvy companies.

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