



## Lathrop Gage Continues to Grow in Chicago with Addition of Three Experienced Partners

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**CHICAGO (October 22, 2015)** -Lathrop Gage today announced the addition of another three partners to its Chicago office. Robert F. Weber and David M. Pilotto joined Lathrop Gage's Corporate practice and John G. Bisbikis joined the IP Litigation team. The firm's Chicago office also added a new director of communications, Doug MacDonald, in a key national administrative role.

"Chicago is one of the world's largest legal markets and we are committed to continuing our growth here," said Sue Charles, Partner in Charge of the Chicago Office. "We've doubled in size in the last year as attorneys at larger firms see the benefits of our approach to value and client service. We have the experience in this office to handle the largest matters and work collaboratively across offices to support our clients nationally."

Each new attorney brings years of partner-level experience and will add depth to Lathrop Gage's Corporate and IP Litigation practices.

**Robert F. Weber** is a business lawyer with extensive experience in a wide variety of transactional and other matters, including mergers and acquisitions, public and private securities offerings and compliance, finance transactions and governance matters. He represents clients ranging from individuals and family-owned businesses to multinational corporations. Weber joins the firm from Seyfarth Shaw LLP.

**David M. Pilotto** was a CPA before becoming a lawyer and has a broad range of experience in mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and other business combinations and financial transactions. He represents a diverse group of clients, from banks and public companies to privately-held businesses, entrepreneurs and start-ups. He also advises clients on corporate governance and organizational issues and acts as general outside counsel for clients in various industries. Pilotto was previously with Much Shelist.

**John G. Bisbikis** has extensive experience with complex intellectual property litigation matters in federal courts throughout the county and across a variety of technologies. In addition to his litigation practice, he has significant experience counseling clients and has helped major U.S. and international companies build, protect and license their important intellectual property rights. Bisbikis also serves as a member of the adjunct faculty of the University of Illinois College of Law. He joins Lathrop Gage from McDermott Will &



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"Lathrop Gage has top-tier IP litigation and prosecution practices, with a unique mix of attorneys that have advanced degrees in diverse technical fields and former patent and trademark examiners with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office," said Bisbikis. "I'm excited to bring the full capabilities of this firm to my clients."  
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Lathrop Gage has 320 attorneys nationwide serving clients in the areas of litigation, intellectual property and business. *Chambers USA* ranks Lathrop Gage's corporate, environmental, labor and employment, litigation and real estate practices among the best in their regions. For more information, visit [www.lathropgage.com](http://www.lathropgage.com).