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IP Trio Joins Cantor Colburn

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Law360, New York (January 22, 2009) -- Cantor Colburn LLP has snagged three intellectual property bigwigs to come on board as partners in the firm's Detroit office, with two defecting from in-house counsel positions at automotive companies.

On Wednesday, Cantor revealed the hiring news, with the firm hailing the arrival of Edmund P. Anderson, Karl F. Barr and Scott A. McBain to the Michigan office.

"Ed, Karl and Scott are greatly esteemed intellectual property lawyers, with phenomenal leadership experience, who we've known professionally and personally for years," said Philmore H. Colburn II, co-managing partner at Cantor Colburn. "As new partners at Cantor Colburn, they demonstrate to our clients in the Midwest that we have a serious commitment to growing our practice in this area."

Anderson hails from Dickinson Wright PLLC, where he was a member of the firm and routinely focused on metallurgy and materials science in his practice.

"In addition to patent prosecution, he also devotes a significant portion of his practice to client counseling, product clearance investigations and opinions and IP transactions, including due diligence and the drafting and negotiation of various IP agreements," the firm said.

Prior to joining Dickinson, Anderson racked up extensive in-house experience by managing the IP for several Fortune 100 companies.

Barr joins the Cantor team from General Motors Corp., where he served as intellectual property counsel and handled all facets of IP transactions for the Big Three automaker.

"His clients have most recently included GM's global powertrain operations, and fuel cell research and development activities," the firm said.

During his tenure at GM, Barr focused primarily on intellectual property transactions, monetization, licensing and sale, in addition to advance development, assessment and acquisition of new technologies, and technology property rights.

McBain also hails from the automotive world, having previously served as the intellectual property counsel for Delphi Corp.

At Delphi, McBain was charged with managing both domestic and international IP portfolios and spearheaded the development of the IP portfolio in a variety of areas including automotive safety and comfort.

McBain brings to the table significant experience in merger and acquisition activities as well, having spent much time drafting and negotiating technology transfer agreements and other IP agreements.

Before landing at Delphi, McBain spent nine years at Vickers Daniels and Young in Cleveland, where he gained experience in both patent and trademark litigation in federal court and in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

McBain also boasts an engineering background, having worked at American Electric Power in Columbus, Ohio, at the beginning of his career.