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EIP announces three promotions to its partnership

EIP today announces the promotion of <u>Eric Williams</u>, <u>Tim Belcher</u>, and <u>Tom Brazier</u> to its partnership. The newly promoted partners have 40 years' experience between them advising on patent matters, and each already work for some of EIP's most innovative and largest clients.

Eric Williams is based in EIP's Denver office and is a registered patent attorney with eighteen years' experience and joined EIP in 2018. Tim Belcher is based in EIP's Leeds office and is a UK and European patent attorney with twelve years' experience and joined EIP in 2014. Tom Brazier is based in EIP's London office and is an IP solicitor within the litigation team with ten years' experience and joined EIP in 2018.

Eric advises a number of EIP's most exciting clients who are developing cutting-edge technology to grow their business. He has prosecuted and prepared numerous patent applications and provided opinions and pre-litigation advice in a wide variety of technology spaces including biomedical, mechanical, electrical, electro-mechanical, and computer-related arts. During his career, Eric spent three years working as a Patent Examiner at the USPTO, and then moved to private practice where he spent twelve years before joining EIP.

Tim has experience in dealing with patents across the chemical field, with a particular focus on pharmaceutical and polymer/industrial chemistry. He has also worked on mechanical, process chemistry, biochemical and materials cases. Tim is currently on part-time secondment at a global pharmaceutical company working in their Global Patents Team. Tim has been recognised as a 'rising star' in IP Stars for the past four years.

Prior to joining EIP Tom trained and worked as a solicitor in a Magic Circle law firm in London. Since joining EIP Tom has worked on several of EIP's major litigation cases including the landmark Supreme Court proceedings against Huawei and ZTE, Optis' successful assertion of its 744 Patent against Apple, as well as more recently acting for IP Bridge in SEP proceedings against Huawei. Tom has in the last three years been recognised as a 'Rising Star' in Legal 500 and IP Stars.

Magnus Hallin, CEO at EIP, said:

"It is great to see EIP's partnership growing with these three internal promotions. The development of talent is a cornerstone of EIP's ethos. Eric, Tim, and Tom bring a wealth of legal and technical expertise and strongly support EIP's culture and I look forward to seeing them continue their careers within EIP continuing to advise and work with clients."