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### **HARTER SECREST & EMERY WELCOMES JACOB D. MERRILL TO ITS INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PRACTICE GROUP**

**Buffalo, New York, August 10, 2018** – Harter Secrest & Emery LLP, a full-service business law firm with offices throughout New York, announced that Jacob D. Merrill has joined the firm as an associate in the [Intellectual Property](#) practice.

Merrill was most recently an associate in the Intellectual Property practice of Marshall & Melhorn, LLC in Toledo, OH, where he supervised the Intellectual Property portfolio of a global division of a Fortune 500 first-tier automotive supplier. His experience includes prosecuting domestic and foreign patent applications, preparing clearance, patentability, and invalidity opinions, prosecuting trademark registrations, and providing copyright strategy and counseling to clients. Merrill's areas of expertise include mechanical and electromechanical arts such as automotive drivetrains, fluid systems, software control algorithms, and electric motor controls.

Merrill earned a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University at Buffalo, and received his law degree from George Mason University School of Law.

The Harter Secrest & Emery [Intellectual Property](#) practice group provides comprehensive intellectual property legal services to clients throughout the United States and in foreign countries. The group assists clients in building and maintaining Intellectual Property portfolios including patents, trademarks, trade secrets, and copyrights, and has extensive experience negotiating and drafting licensing agreements, and serving as lead counsel in complex patent and other intellectual property litigation. In addition, the Intellectual Property practice group provides strategic counseling to clients on assessing potential threats and avoiding conflicts with third parties. The group's clients operate across a wide spectrum of industries and technologies, including manufacturing, retail, consumer goods, office products, and high technology and range from Fortune 500 corporations, major motion picture studios, and investors, to start-up ventures, entrepreneurs, and individual inventors.

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