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## **Gary J. Rinkerman Joins Drinker Biddle's Intellectual Property Practice as Partner**

WASHINGTON – Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP today welcomes prominent intellectual property lawyer Gary J. Rinkerman as a partner in its Washington, D.C., office. Rinkerman, who was head of the Intellectual Property Transactions Team at Baker Hostetler LLP, joins more than 80 lawyers and professionals in Drinker Biddle's IP practice, one of the largest of its kind in a full-service U.S. law firm.

“Adding someone of Gary's caliber helps us fulfill our strategy of building out a top-notch practice to serve the gamut of our clients' IP needs,” said Drinker Biddle Chairman Alfred W. Putnam, Jr. “Gary's experience in both transactions and litigation – especially with the U.S. International Trade Commission – is a unique set of skills that will serve our clients very well.”

Rinkerman, a former senior investigative attorney at the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC), has particular experience in handling ITC Section 337 investigations, including several landmark patent, copyright and trademark proceedings at the ITC. Additionally, he focuses his practice on U.S. and international IP litigation, transactions, agreements and counseling. He represents clients in a variety of industries, including computer hardware and software, web and Internet technology and content, manufacturing,

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communications, consumer products, audiovisual technology and content, and industrial tools and equipment.

“I’m excited to join the Drinker Biddle team and to become a part of an IP group with such complete depth and diversity,” said Rinkerman. “We have shared goals and values directed to effective, efficient and responsible client and community service. Drinker Biddle’s resources also include several large offices across the country as well as solid international relationships. Together with a client base that also includes a mix of national and international industries, the synergies and opportunities for helping our clients to succeed are, in my view, extraordinary.”

Rinkerman also regularly lectures on IP principles, transactions, management, licensing and litigation for the Swiss Institute of Technology (ETH) in Zurich, Switzerland, and Alicante, Spain. He is also an adjunct professor with the Executive MBA Program of the George Mason University School of Management in Northern Virginia, where he lectures on acquisition, management and exploitation of IP assets, primarily to entrepreneurs and managers from the high-tech sector.

Rinkerman co-founded the international monthly publication *Computer Law Reporter* and currently serves on the editorial boards for *Computer Law Reporter* and *Internet Law & Business Reporter*.

Rinkerman received his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center and his bachelor’s degree from Rutgers University.

Drinker Biddle’s IP practice focuses on helping clients identify, protect, enforce and maximize the value of their intellectual property assets as well as defend against threats to their portfolios and businesses. Our experienced lawyers and specialists help clients secure and enhance their competitive position in the marketplace, using intellectual property as an effective component of an overall successful business and legal strategy. The range of IP matters handled includes patents, copyrights, trademarks, trade dress, trade secrets, rights of publicity, domain names, media rights and other types of IP that have become crucial to myriad manufacturing and service industries.

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The firm's IP lawyers have worked in transactions and dispute resolutions, including litigation and arbitration, across a broad range of industries and technologies, including traditional and digital media, software and databases, consumer products, apparel, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, automotive technologies, energy technologies, agricultural equipment, web design and content, entertainment content and services, ink formulations, cameras, in-flight entertainment systems and electronic components.

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