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Munck Wilson Mandala Opens Austin Office with Three Partners

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Austin, TX, Oct. 3, 2016 — Law Firm Munck Wilson Mandala has opened an office in Austin. The 50+ law firm's new office will be led by Munck Wilson partner Michael Rodriguez and currently has two other partners, Jennifer Jasper and Michael Noe. The new Austin office will provide legal services in domestic and international patent protection and litigation, copyright and trademark enforcement, corporate law, and other legal services to benefit technology clients, entrepreneurs and startups.

Rodriguez is a member of the firm's intellectual property section, concentrating his practice in all areas of intellectual property with an emphasis on patent and trademark preparation and prosecution. He has represented businesses in the construction, electronics, energy, retail, restaurant, telecommunications, pet-care, vehicle manufacturing, and defense industries.

Rodriguez worked as a senior engineer with TXU before entering the legal profession and has experience prosecuting and defending reexaminations in a variety of technical areas including power electronic devices, computer software and semiconductor devices.

In addition to an engineering background, Rodriguez served as lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy Reserves, receiving numerous commendations for his actions during active duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. He is the co-founder of Service Never Ends, a non-profit organization focused on providing continued community service for veterans and he was recently accepted to the Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Leadership Class of 2017. Rodriguez received his J.D. from the Texas Wesleyan University School of Law with honors and holds an electrical engineering degree from Texas A&M University.

Since she began her practice in 2000, Jasper has litigated cases across various industries and subject matters. She has tried and appealed cases in state and federal courts throughout Texas, and she has successfully argued before the Texas Supreme Court. Her experience includes patent and trademark litigation, complex commercial litigation, appellate law, and the representation of professionals (JDs, MDs) before various licensing boards and agencies.

When she is not practicing law, Jasper is an adjunct professor, teaching a seminar on legal writing for litigators at the University of Texas School of Law. She is a member of the State Bar of Texas, the Austin Bar Association and the Texas Bar Foundation. Jasper received her J.D. cum laude from the University of Houston Law Center and she also holds an M.A. in communications from Texas A&M University.

Noe's legal practice focuses on preparing and prosecuting hundreds of U.S. and foreign patents. He has represented clients in a wide spectrum of different technologies, including building products, roofing, siding, drywall, insulation, ceilings, trim, decking, fencing, solar, performance plastics, abrasives, technical fabrics, ceramic materials, disk drives, pipe systems, renewable energy, tools and software for hydrocarbon exploration, geothermal energy, fluid dynamics, materials science, medical devices, automotive, aviation, aerospace, industrial machinery, nanotechnology, agriculture, irrigation, kitchen and entertainment products, pet products, consumer products and many others. Noe also has a strong track record of taking patent applications on appeal before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

Noe is admitted to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office and he is a member of the State Bar of Texas. He received his J.D. from the University of Houston Law Center and he holds an M.B.A. from Texas Tech University.



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Munck Wilson Mandala is a technology-focused law firm with an emphasis on patent, trade secret, trademark and other intellectual property disputes. The firm has offices in Austin, Dallas and Marshall, Texas, and offers full-service counsel in the areas of intellectual property litigation, complex commercial litigation, intellectual property portfolio development, corporate transactions and securities, and employment law. Munck Wilson Mandala represents clients from start-ups to Fortune 50 companies. Learn more about the firm at <https://munckwmdev.wpengine.com>.