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# Saul Ewing Brings On Smith Gambrell Pro Bono Atty In Atlanta

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Law360 (October 29, 2026, 4:12 PM EDT) -- Saul Ewing LLP has brought on the pro bono partner for Smith Gambrell & Russell LLP in its Atlanta office, an addition to its intellectual property team that comes after the firm opened its first office in the city in September.



Matthew Warenzak

Matthew Warenzak has joined the firm as a partner, Saul Ewing announced Wednesday.

Warenzak has guided businesses for more than 20 years on IP matters such as patent litigation and prosecution and the defense of trademarks, copyrights and trade secrets, the firm said.

Warenzak told Law360 Pulse on Thursday that even though he hadn't been looking to make a lateral move, the opportunity to join the firm was something he couldn't pass up.

"I had heard of Saul Ewing and I heard of their reputation," Warenzak said. "Their name carried some weight in the IP area with a lot of my fellow colleagues, as well as in the intellectual property industry, and [it] also [has a] focus on patents. So I was aware of the firm and I knew they weren't here in Atlanta."

Warenzak said the firm's new office in the city presents an interesting chance to help be part of its growth in Georgia and beyond.

After 20 years in the Atlanta legal community, Warenzak said he's seen great law firms and he's been involved with the community.

"But I wouldn't say I had anything that had my fingerprints on it as far as building something," he said. "The opportunity here to help Saul Ewing establish a foothold and then eventually a stronghold hopefully in the IP area, it was an opportunity that I don't think you get very often and so I couldn't pass it up once that it occurred."

Warenzak said he was also drawn to the firm because of its commitment to pro bono work as well as a collaborative culture.

Warenzak helps clients with patentability, infringement and validity, and handles freedom-to-operate analyses and patent clearance work, the firm said.

Warenzak works with clients in various industries, such as telecommunications, flooring, software, recreational gear, finance and banking, and medical devices, the firm said.

Domingos J. Silva, the chair of the firm's IP practice and a Philadelphia-based partner, said in a statement that Warenzak strengthens the firm.

"Clients including research institutions, emerging companies, and global businesses will value the breadth of Matt's intellectual property practice and his ability to protect their innovations and brands," Silva said. "His experience across patent, trademark, copyright and trade secret matters

adds important depth to our capabilities in Atlanta and nationally."

In his 15 years at Smith Gambrell, Warenzak became an IP partner after starting as senior associate, according to his LinkedIn profile. He had served as the firm's pro bono partner for seven years.

Warenzak was previously a contract attorney for Ballard Spahr LLP, an associate at Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP and an attorney for Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP.

He earned his law degree from the University of Georgia School of Law and his bachelor's degree in industrial and systems engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Steven C. Reingold, Saul Ewing's Atlanta office managing partner, said in a statement that Warenzak "has lifelong ties to Georgia and is deeply connected to the intellectual property law community locally, nationally and internationally."

"In addition to being an outstanding attorney, he is also dedicated to bettering the city through community service as a board member for Propel ATL, which advocates for sustainable transportation, and through his pro bono legal work," Reingold said.

The national firm has more than 400 attorneys.

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UPDATE: This story has been updated with comments from Warenzak.

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