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"It is with our deepest regret to inform our colleagues and clients that our long-time friend and firm co-founder, Frank Rothwell, passed away unexpectedly on December 25, 2011. We are most grateful for the numerous expressions of condolences and support from Frank's many friends and professional colleagues."

Mr. Rothwell was originally from Central Missouri where he attended the University of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri in 1949, and received a B.S.M.E. degree .

Mr. Rothwell served in the Army Corps of Engineers during the Korean War, and then attended George Washington University Law School. He received a J.D. with honors degree from George Washington University in 1956 (Order of the Coif). Before graduating law school, Mr. Rothwell was registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in 1955. Mr. Rothwell was admitted to the District of Columbia bar in 1956, including the Court of Appeals and the Maryland Bar in 1964. He is admitted to practice and has handled appeals before ten of the U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeal.

Mr. Rothwell is a member of various local, national and international bar associations; the American Inns of Court (Giles S. Rich Chapter), as well as a Member of the Dean's Board of Advisors for Intellectual Property Law at George Washington University Law School.

He co-founded an intellectual property law firm within a year after being admitted to the bar, then co-founded the present firm in 1981.

Mr. Rothwell practices across the full spectrum of intellectual property law and specializes in counseling and dispute resolution, including litigation. He has prosecuted many hundreds of U.S. and foreign patent and trademark applications in the last 50 years and has been active in the areas of opinions and intellectual property contracts. He has handled numerous jury and non-jury trials and many more negotiated settlements involving patents, trade secrets, trademarks, service marks, copyrights and false advertising.

Areas of Concentration:

- Counseling
- Litigation
 - Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Patent Prosecution
 - Mechanical
- Trade Dress
- Trademarks, Collective Marks, and Service Marks
 - Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
- Unfair Competition

Education:

- B.S.M.E. from University of Missouri - 1949
- J.D. from George Washington University Law School - 1956 (Order of the Coif)

Bar Admissions:

- District of Columbia Bar

- Maryland State Bar
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Court Admissions:

- U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeal
- U.S. Supreme Court