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Physicist/Patent Agent Strengthens IP Firm's Technical Competence

***Meet Dr. Douglas P. Burum:***  
***PhD Applied Physics, Technology Specialist & Registered Patent Agent***

NASHUA, NH – July, 2009 - Vern Maine & Associates, an intellectual property law firm in Nashua, N.H., has added another practitioner to its team of patent professionals. Douglas P. Burum earned his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Applied Physics at the California Institute of Technology (Caltech). He has amassed more than 25 years of technical experience across diverse industries in U.S. and international markets, and has recently been licensed as a Registered Patent Agent with the U.S. Patent Office. According to managing attorney Vern Maine, “Doug’s technical background and project management skills make him a great addition to the team. He will participate with our attorneys in providing counseling and services relating to invention capture, patent prosecution and associated business strategies.”

Prior to joining Vern Maine & Associates, Burum provided technical, sales and marketing, and management support for a number of technology-driven companies including Progression Systems, Inc., Universal Medical Systems, Hallmarq Veterinary Imaging, MR Resources Inc., NMR Associates, and NMS Communications. For more than 10 years, he was the national product manager for Bruker Instruments, Inc. (Currently Bruker Biospin Corp). Previous to that, he worked as a research assistant for IBM Research, assisting in the development of novel computer memory technology based on laser optical spectroscopy and optical/NMR double resonance. He also assisted Dr. Richard Ernst in the development of novel techniques for NMR research at the ETH in Zürich, Switzerland. Dr. Ernst was later awarded the 1994 Nobel Prize in Chemistry. Dr. Burum was most recently employed at another patent firm writing, filing, and prosecuting patent applications, preparing and filing PCT applications,



and coordinating docket control and production at the firm. Doug and his wife Karen reside in Acton, Massachusetts.

#### About Vern Maine & Associates

Established in 1993, Vern Maine & Associates, formerly Maine & Asmus, is an intellectual property law firm providing quality legal representation through close coupled attorney/client relationships, to a broad spectrum of local and international clients. The firm focuses its practice on the intelligent planning and execution of intellectual property strategies for technology based companies. For more information, please visit [www.vernmaine.com](http://www.vernmaine.com) or call 603-886-6100.