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# Volpe Koenig Promotes Two Attorneys to Shareholder

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Volpe Koenig is pleased to announce that Edward T. La Barr and Brandon R. Theiss were elected shareholders of the firm effective January 1, 2023.

Ed joined the firm as an Associate in December 2013 and was promoted to Senior Attorney in January 2019. He is a member of the firm's Electrical Group and secures technologies for a wide range of clients, including industry-leading microprocessor designers, worldwide wireless standards research organizations, small companies and innovative startups.

Ed is a former U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) Patent Examiner and worked as an engineer in the field of digital integrated circuit design. Ed earned his law degree at Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University and his undergraduate degree in electrical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Brandon initially joined the firm as a Law Clerk in September 2014, and became a Professional in May 2015. In 2019, Brandon left the firm to work directly with one of its clients. Brandon rejoined the firm in March of 2022.

Brandon has extensive experience in the complete patent lifecycle, from prosecution before the USPTO through monetization and post grant challenges. In recent months, Brandon has been growing the Firm's Inter Partes Review (IPR) practice area with great success. As an inventor himself, Brandon appreciates the unique challenges associated with commercializing an idea and the value of obtaining high quality patents.

Brandon earned his J.D. from Rutgers University School of Law and also holds an M.S. in Industrial & Systems Engineering, B.S. in Electrical & Computer Engineering and B.A. in Physics from Rutgers University.

## Attorneys

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Firm President John C. Donch Jr. said, "Both Ed and Brandon have significantly contributed to the success of the firm for many years. Their broad body of knowledge in both technology and intellectual property law are an asset to our clients. We are pleased to see them advance their careers at Volpe Koenig, and we are excited about welcoming them as shareholders."