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Francisco Castro Joins Holland & Hart's Intellectual Property Practice

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Oct. 2, 2012 – [Holland & Hart LLP](#) is pleased to announce the addition of [Dr. Francisco Castro](#) as of counsel to the firm's Intellectual Property practice. Dr. Castro will be based out of the firm's Washington D.C. office.

"In addition to his vast understanding of the practice of patent law, Francisco brings a wealth of knowledge with respect to cutting edge technology fields, including nanotechnology and next-generation wireless communications," said [Don Degnan](#), the firm's Intellectual Property practice group leader. "His drive and perspective will be an incredible asset to the firm as we continue to expand our practice nationally and internationally."

Dr. Castro's practice is focused on patent prosecution and counseling for clients across a variety of industries, including telecommunications, imaging, photonics, semiconductors and nanotechnology.

Dr. Castro brings significant industrial experience on behalf of clients having worked as a Principal Staff Research Engineer at Motorola and also as a Member of the Technical Staff at Lucent Technologies.

He is a frequent speaker and has authored numerous articles on legal aspects of nanotechnology such as the impact of the America Invents Act on nanotechnology development, among other topics.

Dr. Castro earned a J.D. with honors from the Chicago-Kent College of Law and a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from Drexel University. He is licensed to practice law in Virginia and before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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