Hale and Dorr LLP Expands Intellectual Property Department: Eric L. Prahl to Lead Hale and Dorr's Electrical Patent Prosecution Practice

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BOSTON - July 9, 2002 – The law firm Hale and Dorr LLP today announced that Eric L. Prahl joins the firm as a partner. Mr. Prahl will oversee Hale and Dorr's Electrical Patent Prosecution Practice.

"We are delighted to welcome Eric Prahl to Hale and Dorr," said James B. Lampert, partner and chair of Hale and Dorr's Intellectual Property Department. "Eric will be responsible for much of our complex and sophisticated computer, optics, Internet and software intellectual property matters. As a general practice law firm, Hale and Dorr continues to aggressively expand its intellectual property practice to meet the increasing needs of our clients in an area which is so vital to their growth and development. Eric's expertise and proven ability to obtain important patents in physics, optics, electrical and software technologies will enable the firm to continue that growth and ensure the continued success of our clients."

Mr. Prahl joins Hale and Dorr after 14 years in the Boston office of Fish & Richardson P.C. He was a principal of the firm for 10 years. Mr. Prahl spent seven years with the Federal Trade Commission, where he was a staff

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attorney focusing on federal antitrust and consumer protection. For three years he was a semiconductor circuit design and fabrication engineer at Nova Devices and Transitron Electronics. At both companies, he was responsible for the design of integrated circuits, high performance operational amplifiers, regulators, multipliers, and A-D converters.

Mr. Prahl holds an S.B. and S.M. in Electrical Engineering, and an Electrical Engineering degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He earned his J.D. from Northeastern University School of Law, and his M.A. in Economics from Cleveland State University. Mr. Prahl is registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office. He is also admitted to the bar in Massachusetts.

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