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Using Patents To Advance The Civil Engineering Profession

Valley Forge, Pa., July 2006 – Christopher A. Rothe, an Associate with RatnerPrestia, has authored an article in the June 2006 edition of Civil Engineering Magazine, published by The American Society of Civil Engineers, entitled, “Using Patents to Advance the Civil Engineering Profession.” Mr. Rothe notes that by obtaining patents, civil engineers can protect their inventions and also encourage others within the profession to devise better solutions to today’s engineering challenges. The article illustrates the historical importance of civil engineering patents by discussing examples from the early twentieth century. Examples of civil engineering patents issued in the twenty-first century are also compared with earlier patents to demonstrate how the profession has evolved. Mr. Rothe concludes that patents have provided and will continue to provide a key resource for ensuring that solutions to engineering problems are shared within the civil engineering profession.

Christopher Rothe’s insights are based on his experience of several years in a range of patent related activities including patent procurement, IP due diligence, and litigation. Having practiced intellectual property law since 2000, Mr. Rothe focuses his patent work in the mechanical arts, including medical devices, automotive components, and a variety of consumer products. Mr. Rothe received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering with Distinction from The Pennsylvania State University and a Juris Doctor degree from Villanova University School of Law.

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