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McCarter & English has appointed Maria Laccotripe Zacharakis, PhD, to the post of managing partner for the firm's Boston office, effective today. In addition to focusing on her intellectual property clients, Dr. Laccotripe Zacharakis will oversee the operations of the office as well as coordinate business and practice development efforts.

Dr. Laccotripe Zacharakis succeeds Barbara J. Kroncke, who leaves the firm to join the University of Massachusetts Building Authority as its executive director. Ms. Kroncke had served as managing partner of the Boston office since 2016.

The Boston office has grown to be one of McCarter & English's largest offices, and has continued to deliver clients exceptional service in intellectual property, corporate, real estate, litigation, public finance, government contracts, and employment law. McCarter & English's IP practice is one of the 10 largest IP practices in the nation. Its lawyers work with a range of companies, from international pharmaceutical and biotech companies to cutting-edge startups.

Firmwide managing partner Joseph Boccassini said, "Maria brings a sophisticated knowledge of the law and business landscape to this role. Her unique insights and aptitude for leadership make her the ideal candidate for this position, and an outstanding representative of the excellence and innovation that characterize our Boston practices."

With more than 20 years of experience in life sciences intellectual property matters, Dr. Laccotripe Zacharakis assists clients in developing and implementing effective IP strategies that protect and facilitate commercialization of biological and pharmaceutical products as well as platform technologies. She represents international biopharmaceutical corporations, startup biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies, and academic institutions. Dr. Laccotripe Zacharakis is also chair of the McCarter & English Strategic Growth Committee.

"It is an honor to take on this challenge and step into this leadership role at McCarter," Dr. Laccotripe Zacharakis said. "I look forward to collaborating with my colleagues to further expand the firm's strong presence in Boston and to continue to provide the best service to our clients and our community."

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