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## McKool Smith expands Austin presence

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Dallas-based intellectual property and commercial litigation firm **McKool Smith PC** added more space to its Austin office, officials said today.

The 29-attorney office expanded to 41,000 square feet from 25,000, signing a 10-year lease for the space at 300 W. 6th Street. The company opened the local branch in 2000.

"We expect to continue to do well in Austin and look forward to growth here during the next 10 years," said McKool Executive Director Gary Eden.

He said the practice does not have any immediate plans to increase attorneys.

McKool was represented by John T. Amend with J.W. Amend and David "BD" Amend of **The Amend Group** in the real estate transaction. **Thomas Properties** covered the building's landlord.

McKool Smith represents companies and individuals in cases including antitrust, bankruptcy, intellectual property, white collar litigation, technology, contracts, securities, environmental, pharmaceutical sciences, class action, and business torts.

The Austin office employs 40. Nationally the firm includes 90 attorneys in offices in Austin, Dallas, Marshall, New York and Washington D.C.

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