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## Thomas Lebens Appointed to Cal Poly Advisory Council for College of Engineering

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA – [Tom Lebens](#), Partner in the law firm Sinsheimer Juhnke Lebens & McIvor, LLP and West Coast Managing Partner in the San Diego-based law firm Fitch Even Tabin & Flannery, has accepted a seat on the California Polytechnic State University (Cal Poly) College of Engineering Dean’s Advisory Council. Distinguished for their leadership and accomplishments, Dean’s Advisory Council members come from academia, industry, professional societies, national laboratories, government agencies, and the international community. They serve by invitation of the Dean.

“It is my honor to be invited to serve on the Cal Poly College of Engineering Dean’s Advisory Council,” says Lebens. “I look forward to contributing to the College in this way as we welcome a new Dean, and prepare the College to educate the next generation of engineers, vital to maintaining our country’s and our state’s role as the world leader in innovation”.

The mission of the [Dean’s Advisory Council](#) is to assist and advise the College of Engineering, serving as an advocate, strategic guide, sounding board for the Dean and college leadership, and fundraising resource.

Mr. Lebens is chair of the [Intellectual Property practice](#) at SJLM and is a registered U.S. Patent and Trademark attorney. Mr. Lebens has expertise in business strategy, licensing, infringement & validity analysis, patentability, infringement, & validity opinions, and copyright for artistic works and computer software. He received his bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, where he also served as student body president. Mr. Lebens also serves as a Director of the Cal Poly San Luis Obispo Alumni Association.

### About Sinsheimer Juhnke Lebens & McIvor, LLP

Sinsheimer Juhnke Lebens & McIvor, LLP, is the pre-eminent business law firm in San Luis Obispo County, California. Founded in 1978, SJLM represents businesses from a wide range of industries in all stages of their life cycle in sophisticated business transactions and in complex commercial litigation. Areas of practice include Business Transactions, Business Litigation, Trust and Estates, Intellectual Property and Real Estate. Current partners in the firm are Warren Sinsheimer, Dave Juhnke, Tom Lebens, June McIvor, Herb Stroh and Roger Frederickson.

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