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Oldfield Myers Apke & Payne Law Group, Ltd. is pleased to announce that Joel Andrew Slater has joined the firm in the practice of law. On October 31, 2013, Mr. Slater was formally sworn in to the Illinois Bar by Illinois Supreme Court Justice Lloyd A. Karmeier.

Joel was born in Fairfield, Illinois in 1988. He attended Freed-Hardeman University in Henderson, Tennessee where he graduated *Summa Cum Laude* in 2010 with a Bachelor of Arts in English. Joel then attended Vanderbilt University Law School. Joel was on the Dean's List during his time at Vanderbilt and was Managing Editor of the Journal of Entertainment and Technology Law during his second and third years in law school. Joel graduated in 2013 with his Juris Doctorate Degree and a Certificate of Law and Business from Vanderbilt University Law School.

Mr. Slater anticipates concentrating his practice in the areas of probate, estate and trust administration, estate planning, estate litigation, and oil and gas law.

With the addition of Mr. Slater, Oldfield Myers Apke & Payne Law Group, Ltd. now has six attorneys practicing in most areas of the law—including divorce, real estate, litigation, business planning, estate planning, criminal law and probate—from their offices in Effingham and Vandalia.