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BIOGRAPHY

Nick's practice encompasses the protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights, with a focus on patents and trademarks.

A large part of Nick's intellectual property practice concerns patent litigation and counseling. In patent cases, Nick has represented leading electronics and engineering firms, advising on a wide range of fields including digital cameras and camcorders, cellular phones, telecommunications links and infrastructure, aircraft systems, digital printing equipment, vending technologies, and others. He advises clients on patent validity and infringement issues, including patentability and product clearance opinions, and has assisted clients in the filing and prosecution of patent applications in the United States and abroad. His technical background includes board level assembly equipment and materials, as well as semiconductor circuitry fabrication. Nick holds a bachelor's in materials science and engineering.

In addition to his extensive patent practice, Nick also focuses on the adoption, use, prosecution and enforcement of trademarks and service marks. He regularly handles *inter partes* proceedings before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board as well as trademark, dilution and unfair competition claims in federal courts. He also negotiates and prepares various assignments and licenses addressing trademark rights. Nick's trademark practice services clients at the forefront of a wide variety of industries including publishing, electronics and computers, toys and novelties, entertainment, home goods, construction and manufacturing, education, food and beverages, general merchandise, and apparel.

Nick's practice also includes copyright counseling, prosecution, and litigation.

Nick has also been involved in various *pro bono* matters, including assisting nonprofits with intellectual property issues, representing an aggrieved garnishee, landlord/tenant counseling, and incorporating a nonprofit scholarship foundation.

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT & HONORS

- The Best Lawyers in America - Litigation-Intellectual Property - 2023-2024
- *Missouri/Kansas SuperLawyers* 'Rising Stars' 2014
- Law Clerk to Judge Richard B. Teitelman, Missouri Supreme Court, 2004
- Washington University Board of Trustees, Graduate Student Representative, 2003-2004
- *Washington University Law Quarterly*

ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia, 2005
- Missouri, 2004
- United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
United States District Courts for the Eastern District of Missouri, District of Colorado and Eastern District of Texas

EDUCATION

Washington University, J.D., Order of the Coif, 2004

Cornell University, B.S., 1999

RELATED PRACTICE AREAS

- Intellectual Property and Technology Disputes
- Corporate Occupiers & Tenants
- Real Estate
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Regulation, Compliance & Advisory
- Patents Litigation
- Trademark Litigation
- Commercial Real Estate
- Retail & Consumer Products
- Trademark Prosecution, Counseling and Protection Services
- Payment Systems
- Fintech
- Finance
- USPTO Trials & Reexaminations
- Business & Commercial Disputes

EXPERIENCE

- *Crane Co. and Dixie-Narco, Inc. v. SandenVendo America, Inc. and Royal Vendors, Inc.* (ED Tex.) (Represented Royal Vendors, Inc. in a patent infringement action involving glass-front vendor systems)
- *The North Face Apparel Corp. v. Williams Pharmacy, et al.* (ED MO)
- *Metso Minerals Inc. v. Powerscreen International Distribution Limited, et al.* (ED NY) (Represented several defendants in a patent infringement case relating to mobile screening equipment)
- *Tantivy Communications, Inc. v. Lucent Technologies, Inc.* (ED Tex.) (Represented Lucent Technologies, Inc. in a patent infringement action involving 3G CDMA and equipment used in implementing data services over mobile communication links)
- *Eastman Kodak Company v. Sony Corporation et al.* (WD NY) (Represented the Eastman Kodak Company in a patent infringement action involving over 25 patents concerning digital image data processing, compression, storage and transmission technologies)

- *Firepass IP Holdings, Inc. and Firepass Corp. v. The Boeing Company* (ED NY) (Representing The Boeing Company in a patent infringement action involving fuel-tank inerting systems)
- *Integrated Network Technologies, Inc. v. Ray Allen, Inc.* (ND IL) (Represented defendants against claims of copyright infringement, breach of contract, and related issues)
- *Leggett & Platt, Inc. v. VUTEk* (ED MO; Fed. Cir.) (Represented Leggett & Platt, Inc. in two patent infringement cases relating to large format UV printers)
- *Boydston Metal Works, Inc. v. Cottrell, Inc.* (D Or) (Represented Cottrell, Inc. in two patent infringement actions relating to car haulers)
- *Meridian Enterprises Corporation v. Bank of America Corporation et al.* (ED MO) (Represented Marshall & Ilsley Corp. in a patent infringement action relating to financial business methods)

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Jul 31, 2020

U.S. Patent & Trademark Office Update: RCE Rule 1.114 Enforcement Change