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Practice Areas

Antitrust

Emerging Companies

Intellectual Property

Intellectual Property Litigation

Mergers & Acquisitions

Admissions

Wisconsin

Wisconsin United States
Patent and Trademark Office

Education

Juris Doctor, Marquette
University Law School

Bachelor of Science,
Marquette University,
Electrical Engineering



As the most experienced member of the Intellectual Property practice, Nick represented clients in the management and procurement, worldwide, of large, mixed portfolios of patents, trademarks and copyrights, the litigation of related matters, and the negotiation and establishment of licensing agreements, for over forty years. Nick has frequently worked with inventions relating to computer and electronic hardware and software, business methods and other types of emerging technologies, including the preparation of patent applications on those technologies. Further, Nick has prepared U.S. and foreign trademark applications, conducting clearance searches for trademarks as needed.

Nick has provided advice and opinions relating to the potential infringement of patent rights, trademark rights and copyrights, advising clients on whether patents are being infringed and on avoiding such infringement, and handling litigation relating to the enforcement of these rights. In that litigation, Nick has represented patent owners seeking to enforce their rights against infringers, and has also represented defendants accused of patent infringement. On more than one occasion, Nick has worked with a client to employ a combination of litigation and licensing strategies to assist the client in licensing nearly an entire industry.

Further, Nick has represented clients in the negotiation and preparation of agreements relating to such matters as consulting, non-disclosure, licensing, and technology, as well as the intellectual property aspects of merger and acquisition or asset transfer agreements. He has prepared trade secret agreements and generally advised on how these agreements affect employee relationships. And Nick has represented and advised clients in connection with data privacy and cyber security matters, including anti-cybersquatting actions, and responding to theft of credit card information.

Professional Association Memberships

American Intellectual Property Law Association

Milwaukee Bar Association

Wisconsin Intellectual Property Law Association

Activities

Wisconsin Innovation Network

BizStarts Milwaukee

Honors

AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell®

Who's Who in American Law

Listed in *Best Lawyers in America* (Litigation - Intellectual Property, Litigation - Patent, Patent Law, Trademark Law, 2011 - present)

Recognized as a Leading Patent Practitioner in the area of Intellectual Property Licensing by Intellectual Asset Management (2013)