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Carlos Garritano, chair of the Tucker Ellis Intellectual Property Group, practices in the area of intellectual property consultation and strategy.

He works closely with clients to create “big picture” plans that provide multiple layers of coverage and protection for their intellectual property (IP) needs, including patents, copyrights, trademarks, contracts, and/or trade secrets. Carlos works with clients ranging in size from Fortune 500 companies to start-up companies to create custom-tailored IP protection plans based on each client’s unique needs and business goals. He has extensive experience in the areas of patent litigation, portfolio development, licensing, patent/trademark preparation and prosecution, business mergers, and acquisitions involving IP.

Having earned a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, Carlos is particularly suited to the field of patent preparation and prosecution, which includes evaluating and securing applicable protection for clients, drafting and filing patent applications (utility and design), prosecuting utility and design patent applications, and generating complex drawings for patent applications. He has drafted and prosecuted more than 900 patent applications in advanced technical areas, including computer software, electrical circuitry, portable device applications, data communications, wireless technologies, welding systems, video game technology, radio frequency identification, semiconductors, data search, wireless security, databases, computer hardware, operating system technologies, locomotive systems, battery technology, mechanical devices, electrical devices, and Internet of Things (IoT). Carlos is exceptionally experienced in industrial design protection and often couples design patent with utility patent protection strategies to provide additional barriers to prevent would-be infringers from copying products, devices, or components.

In addition to continuously perfecting his specialized skill in the IP field, Carlos has gained invaluable corporate world experience through his work on deals and contracts/agreements. He uses his knowledge of patent, trademark, copyright, and trade secret preparation and procurement as a strong foundation to advise clients on commercial and business dealings. Carlos’s unique

balance of business acumen and IP expertise enables him to seamlessly navigate legal issues in all areas of law. His counsel often sheds light onto how IP may be involved in other types of matters and how rights of such intellectual property may affect the parties. Depending on the scope of the corporate project, Carlos provides legal insight through an IP lens. Carlos has worked on agreements related to supply, services, manufacturing, employment, licensing (both inbound and outbound), consulting, franchise, confidentiality, and purchase, among others.

Carlos is Band 2-ranked in Chambers USA in the area of Intellectual Property (Ohio), where one client commented that he is “extremely responsive. He takes the time to understand the problem and gives sound and accurate advice.” Other clients comment that Carlos is “a very talented attorney” who “brings both legal and business acumen to the table.” In 2023, Carlos was named among *Crain’s Cleveland Business*’s Notable Latino Leaders in Northeast Ohio.

Carlos enjoys spending time with his wife Mary and sons Colin, Carter, and Luke. They often can be found having quality time with family and friends, going to the movies, rooting for Cleveland sports teams, or playing with their dog Lulu.

Education

- The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law (J.D., 2004)
- Case Western Reserve University (B.S.E.E., cum laude, 2001)

State Admissions

- Ohio, 2004

Federal Admissions

- United States Patent and Trademark Office
- United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio

Service Areas

- Intellectual Property
- Patent Procurement
- Post Grant Proceedings
- IP Business Strategy & Agreements
- Trademarks
- Copyright Law
- Technology Transfer
- Patent Litigation
- Trade Secret Litigation
- Health & Life Sciences
- Alcoholic Beverages

Industries Represented

- Computers & Electronics
- Electrical Equipment
- Information Technology
- Medical Devices
- Software
- Telecommunications

Publications & Events

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "Careers in Intellectual Property Law," Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Cleveland, Ohio (November 2022)
- "Help Me Help You: Positive Communications Between In-House & Outside Counsel," Content Co-author, 24th Annual Symposium on Intellectual Property Law and Policy, The University of Akron School of Law, Akron, Ohio (March 2022)
- "Between the Lines IP: Best Practices for Enforcing and Protecting IP Rights in Online Marketplaces, Industry Bodies, Contracts, and Other Alternate Venues," 22nd Annual Symposium on Intellectual Property Law & Policy, The University of Akron School of Law, Akron, Ohio (March 2020)
- "Worldwide Filing Strategies for U.S. Patents," 21st Annual Symposium on Intellectual Property Law and Policy, The University of Akron School of Law, Akron, Ohio (March 2019)

PUBLICATIONS

- *IP Tip of the Month* Blog Posts

MEDIA

- "Tucker Ellis Adds Ex-Hahn Loeser IP Partner in Cleveland," *Law360* (November 2015)

Honors

- Chambers USA
  - » Intellectual Property – Ohio (2021–2026)
- *IAM Patent 1000*
  - » United States – Ohio (2024–2026)
- *WTR 1000*
  - » United States – Ohio (2025, 2026)
- *IAM/WTR Copyright 1000*
  - » United States – Ohio (2026)
- *Crain's Cleveland Business*
  - » Notable Latino Leaders (2023)
- The Best Lawyers in America® (2023–2027)
  - » 2026 Cleveland Lawyer of the Year (Patent Law)
- The Lawdragon 500 Leading Global IP Lawyers (2026)
- Ohio Super Lawyers Rising Stars® (2011)

In the Community

- Intellectual Property Owners Association
  - » Diversity & Inclusion Committee
  - » Patent Licensing Committee
- Cleveland Intellectual Property Law Association
- American Intellectual Property Law Association
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Youth coach for basketball, football, and soccer