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Patrick Clunk delivers strategic counsel on securing, protecting, clearing, and licensing patents, trademarks, and other intellectual property.

Patrick develops cost-effective IP strategies tailored to the unique circumstances of each client and matter, avoiding generic, one-size-fits-all solutions in favor of targeted, practical approaches.

He guides clients through every stage of IP protection, including utility and design patent application preparation and prosecution, trademark registration and enforcement, and the drafting and negotiation of license agreements. He is highly experienced in preparing freedom-to-operate, patentability, and invalidity opinions.

With a global perspective shaped by collaborations with IP professionals worldwide, Patrick connects clients with trusted international counsel and effectively navigates cross-border IP issues with confidence.

He advises companies across industries—from consumer products and manufacturing to healthcare and cosmetics—on building and defending their IP portfolios. In addition to securing IP rights for clients, Patrick is proactive in enforcement, swiftly stopping infringement when it occurs, particularly in online marketplaces, and implementing measures to prevent recurrence.

In addition to spending time with his wife and children, Patrick enjoys golfing and playing and coaching soccer.

Education

- University of Dayton School of Law (J.D., 2008); Law Review; Technology Track Honors
- University of Dayton (B.S. in Mechanical Engineering; Mechanical Design and Manufacturing Minor, 2005)

State Admissions

- Ohio, 2008

Federal Admissions

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

Service Areas

- Intellectual Property
- Patent Procurement
- IP Business Strategy & Agreements
- Trademarks
- Patent Litigation
- Health & Life Sciences M&A Transactions
- Health & Life Sciences

Publications & Events

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- “Intellectual Property for In-House Counsel,” Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (November 2020)
- “Protecting Your Innovation from A to Z,” 2018 In-House Counsel Summit, Tucker Ellis LLP, Cleveland, Ohio (October 2018)
- “How to Improve Your Contracts with Vendors and Customers Using Best Practices,” Practical Tips and Tools to Deal with Cybersecurity Challenges, Tucker Ellis LLP, Cleveland, Ohio (July 2016)
- “U.S. Patent Overview,” Beijing Intellectual Property Conference, Beijing Patent Office, Beijing, China (November 2015)

Honors

- Chambers USA
 - » Intellectual Property – Ohio (2025)
- *IAM Patent 1000*
 - » United States – Ohio (2025)
- *WTR 1000*
 - » United States – Ohio (2026)

In the Community

- America SCORES Cleveland, Board Member
- Cleveland Intellectual Property Law Association
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association