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Patrick Clunk provides clients with strategic intellectual property counsel and advice on securing, protecting, clearing, and licensing patents, trademarks, copyrights, and other intellectual property.

Recognizing that each client, along with each matter, can include varying circumstances requiring specific legal strategies rather than conventional costly, blanket, one-size-fits-all solutions, Patrick works to develop client-specific, cost-effective intellectual property strategies that satisfy the needs of the client for each particular matter.

Patrick assists clients with all aspects of intellectual property, including utility and design patent application preparation and prosecution, trademark preparation and prosecution, and license agreements (negotiating, reviewing, and drafting). He also has extensive experience preparing patent invalidity, patentability, and freedom-to-operate opinions. Having worked closely on intellectual property matters with IP lawyers and other professionals across the United States and in countries all over the world, Patrick provides clients a global outlook for IP matters and directs them to trusted legal counsel outside the United States.

He works with companies in a variety of industries, including consumer products, manufacturing, healthcare, and cosmetics to protect their products and brands. In addition to procuring the necessary IP protection for clients, Patrick polices and defends their IP. This includes quickly stopping infringement, such as on e-commerce websites, and taking the steps needed to ensure that the infringement does not resume.

Patrick has secured, protected, and/or defended clients' intellectual property rights in various mechanical and electrical technologies, including image-guided surgical systems, surgical fixing and positioning devices, oil and gas systems, pressure cylinders, endoscopic

accessories, urological devices, trailer lighting and towing accessories, mobile communication devices, aerospace control systems, gas turbine fuel systems, filtration systems, refrigeration systems, and hydraulic systems.

In addition to spending time with his wife and children, Patrick enjoys golfing and playing 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
- Post Grant Proceedings
- IP Business Strategy & Agreements
- Trademarks
- Patent Litigation
- Health Care 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)
- “New Prior Art Rules Under the AIA” (prepared written materials), Hot Topics in Intellectual Property, Tucker Ellis LLP, Cleveland, Ohio (May 2015)

In the Community

- Cleveland Intellectual Property Law Association
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association