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Significant Accomplishments

- Successful prosecution and defense of numerous cases involving patent infringement and trade secret violations in a diverse range of technologies including building products, military garments and equipment, agricultural equipment, exercise equipment, automotive equipment, shoe manufacturing, business methods, weighing equipment, pharmaceutical and biotechnology products
- Successful representation of numerous entities in cases involving, trademark and service mark infringement, unfair competition and dilution, including securing and defending against TROs and preliminary injunctions
- Successfully tried numerous cases in state and federal courts across the country
- Extensive experience before the United States Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
- Successfully argued significant tax cases before the Missouri Supreme Court
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*[®] in the area of Intellectual Property Law, 2010

Representative Clients

- Bakers Footwear Group, Inc.
- Beech-Nut Nutrition Corporation
- Boise Cascade Corporation
- Brown Shoe Company, Inc.
- Build-A-Bear Workshop, Inc.
- Bunzl Distribution USA, Inc.
- Buzzi Unicem USA
- CCA Global Partners, Inc.
- Eagle Industries Unlimited, Inc.
- Fairbanks Scales, Inc.
- Magnesium Elektron North America
- Paul Flum Ideas, Inc.
- Phelps Dodge Corporation

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association, Intellectual Property Litigation Committee
- American Intellectual Property Law Association, IP Insurance Subcommittee, Inter-Committee Liaison Officer
- Defense Research Institute, Inc.
- Illinois Bar Association
- The Missouri Bar
- Oklahoma Bar Association, Charter Member, Litigation Section
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis

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Practice Areas

- Business Litigation
- Intellectual Property
- Intellectual Property Litigation

Education

- J.D., University of Oklahoma, with honors, 1992
Oklahoma Law Review, 1990-1992
Kerr-McGee Scholar
- The Queens College, Oxford University, Oxford England, 1990
- B.S., Mechanical Engineering, Oklahoma State University, with honors, 1987
Tau Beta Pi
Pi Tau Sigma

Admissions

- Illinois, 1997
- Missouri, 1996
- Oklahoma, 1992
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, 2001
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit, 2000
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, Trial Bar, 2007
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Illinois, 1997
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri, 1996
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Oklahoma, 1992
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Oklahoma, 1992
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Oklahoma, 1992

Civic and Charitable Organizations

- The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

Publications and Presentations

- “Design On A Dime? New Life For Design Patents,” October 2008
- “Is The Obvious Meaning of “Obvious” So Obvious After All: How to Navigate The Supreme Court’s KSR Decision In Litigation And Prosecution,” October 2007
- “Cover Your Assets: Insurance and Intellectual Property Claims,” November 2003
- “Patent Damages,” the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, September 2001
- “*Cooter & Gell v. Hartmarx Corp.*: An Analysis of Rule 11 and Its Appropriate Standard of Review,” 44 *Okla. L. Rev.* 495, 1991

Background

- Named as Partner, 2001
- Joined firm as Associate, 1995
- Associate, Atkinson, Haskins, Nellis, Boudreaux, Holeman, Phipps & Brittingham, 1992-1995