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Patrick Brennan is a member of the firm's Intellectual Property practice group counseling clients, from Fortune 500 companies to universities and startups. He regularly meets with in-house counsel, engineering and design teams to guide clients through patent preparation, prosecution and enforcement of U.S. and foreign patents, most often in the mechanical arts.

In one significant area of his practice, Patrick counsels clients on clearance and right-to-use analysis, and performs risk assessments for clients. Patrick has extensive experience in a wide range of personal care products, absorbent products, baby care and nursing products, recreational products, processing and manufacturing equipment, pest control devices and medical devices.

Patrick also represents a number of prestigious universities across the country and works closely with their research teams in various disciplines to patent cutting-edge technologies.

Registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Patrick also defends clients' patents and challenges competitors' patents at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in *ex parte* reexamination proceedings as well as *inter partes* review proceedings. He has successfully defended his clients in matters before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. In addition, Patrick advises clients concerning freedom-to-operate and provides recommendations for progressing or alternatives to mitigate client risk.

EDUCATION

- Saint Louis University School of Law (J.D., 2002)
 - Academic Achievement Awards (Civil and Family Law)
- University of Missouri-Rolla (B.S., 1993)
 - Geological Engineering

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- The Missouri Bar

ACCOLADES

- Named among the "Best Patent Attorneys," St. Louis Small Business Monthly (2019)

SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

Intellectual Property
Post Grant Proceedings
Higher Education
Patent
Manufacturing and Innovation
Technology

ADMISSIONS

Missouri
U.S. Patent and Trademark
Office
U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal
Circuit

BACKGROUND

Prior to law school, Patrick was an environmental engineer for an international engineering consulting firm. As a former registered professional geologist and professional engineer, he assisted clients in remediating groundwater and soil contamination, as well as reporting to state and federal regulatory agencies.

EXPERIENCE

Successful Defense of Game-Changing Technology for Agricultural Manufacturer

Successfully defended game-changing agricultural equipment patents before the USPTO during reexamination related to a pending infringement suit in which the major manufacturer is the plaintiff.

Patent Portfolio Strategy for University Covering Science, Engineering and Medical Fields

Developed and executed patent filing strategy and managed diverse patent portfolio for a large university client. Technologies span various subject areas including science, engineering and medical fields.

Patent Preparation and Prosecution for Leading-Edge Technologies

Prepared and prosecuted patent applications on leading-edge technologies developed by research institutes, including new imaging and diagnostic methodologies for detecting diseases and monitoring treatment progresses.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

November 17, 2014

'Tis the Season to Be Merry — and Worry