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BIOGRAPHY

Mr. Davis began his career as a patent examiner at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (“USPTO”). Following his time at the USPTO, he spent 20 years at two very large international law firms managing the patent portfolios of several Fortune 500 companies, as well as doing patent, trademark and copyright infringement cases in federal district courts across the U.S. Mr. Davis has a technical background in physics, mechanical engineering and biochemistry, and he has written and prosecuted patent applications and litigated patent infringement cases across a wide range of technologies, including biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, materials science, industrial chemicals, medical devices, heavy machinery, network hardware, software, cyber solutions and household devices and appliances. He counsels his clients on patentability, patent infringement and validity, and he has assisted both licensors and licensees in the negotiation of complex patent license agreements, research and development agreements and supply and manufacturing agreements. With his background as a USPTO patent examiner, together with broad and deep experience in both patent litigation and patent prosecution, Mr. Davis specializes in providing

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practical and cost-effective strategic advice to clients for whom intellectual property is a critical part of their business model.

RECOGNITIONS

- *Chambers USA*, Intellectual Property, Maryland, (2023-Present)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®
 - Patent Law (2020-2027)
 - Litigation - Intellectual Property (2022-2027)
 - CleanTech Law (2024-2027)
 - *Lawyer of the Year*® Patent Law (2024)
- *IP Stars* National, Maryland "Patent Star" (2022 and 2025)
- *Maryland Super Lawyers*®, Intellectual Property (2025-2027)

MEMBERSHIPS & ACTIVITIES

- Member: Maryland State Bar Association
- Board of Directors: The Summit School

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LITIGATION

- Prosecute and defend clients in patent infringement litigations in U.S. courts across a broad range of technologies, including agribusiness, biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, industrial chemicals, medical devices, heavy machinery, software, and household devices and appliances
- Coordinate U.S. and international patent enforcement activities for clients with IP assets abroad
- Conduct and manage intellectual property litigations, including plaintiff pre-filing investigations and defendant defense investigations; develop case strategy, including discovery, pre-trial and trial strategies; prepare and manage litigation budgets; manage litigation teams; work with joint defense groups
- Advise clients on costs and benefits of intellectual property enforcement litigation in U.S. and international courts
- Prosecute and defend clients in trademark and trade dress enforcement litigations in U.S. courts
- Prosecute and defend clients in copyright litigations in U.S. courts

EDUCATION

Catholic University of America,
Columbus School of Law, 1993,
J.D.

Cornell University, 1987, A.B.

ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia

Maryland

U.S. Court of Appeals: Federal
Circuit, 2015

U.S. District Court: District of
Columbia

U.S. District Court: District of
Maryland

U.S. Patent and Trademark
Office

- Prosecute and defend clients in trade secret litigations in state and U.S. courts

PATENTS

- Former patent examiner at U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
- Prepare, file and prosecution patent applications across a broad range of technologies
- Manage U.S. and international patent prosecution portfolios for sole inventors, as well as small, medium and large companies
- Work with inventors and companies to devise cost-effective strategies for filing patent applications and quickly obtaining patent protection
- Negotiate with patent examiners; pursue patent appeals to Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences
- File and prosecute reissue patent applications; reexaminations
- Advise clients on patentability, patent infringement, freedom to operate issues
- Advise and discuss with clients relative benefits and costs of patent protection
- Develop patent portfolio strategies for new and developing companies
- Develop proprietary patent landscape product and service
- Work with clients on developing patent policing, enforcement, and monetization strategies
- Advise on and assist with the development of patent department and patent procedures
- Provoke patent interferences; conduct and manage patent interferences through the priority phase to final judgment and including Section 146 actions
- Prosecute and defend patent infringement litigations in federal courts

INTERNATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- Manage international patent and trademark portfolios for companies of all sizes

- Work with clients to develop and execute cost-effective and business targeted international protection strategies
- Coordinate intellectual property enforcement actions across multiple jurisdictions for clients having worldwide IP portfolios

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY & TECHNOLOGY

- Advise clients on and provide services to clients in connection with all aspects of their businesses that relate to technology and intellectual property
- Advise on and assist clients with development of IP strategy, including technology monetization, enforcement, licensing, and litigation strategies

TRANSACTIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- Negotiate and draft transaction agreements primarily relating to or including intellectual property issues, including but not limited to employment agreements, supply agreements, joint development agreements, purchase agreements, confidentiality/non-disclosure agreements, joint venture agreements, termination agreements/letters, cease and desist letters, and settlement agreements
- Conduct/manage IP due diligence for corporate transactions

COPYRIGHTS

- Advise clients on copyrightability and copyright enforcement
- Prepare and file copyright applications
- Prosecute and defend copyright litigations in federal courts

INTERNET AND E-COMMERCE

- Advise clients on intellectual property issues arising from internet usage and e-commerce
- Prosecution and defend clients in federal court litigation relating to claims arising out of internet usage and e-commerce

- Prepare and file patent applications, trademark applications and copyright applications to protect client innovations, trade names and works of authorship relating to internet and e-commerce technology and businesses

LICENSING & TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

- Advise on and assist clients with development of IP strategy, including technology monetization, enforcement, licensing, and litigation strategies
- Negotiate and draft licensing and technology transfer agreements between private commercial, non-profit, university, and government entities
- Conduct/manage due diligence for licensing and technology transfer transactions

OPEN SOURCE, SAAS & OTHER INNOVATIVE DISTRIBUTION MODELS

- Advise clients on intellectual property issues relating to use or distribution of Open Source, Software As A Service, and other software distribution models

TECHNOLOGY START-UPS

- Advise technology startups on cost-effective strategies for building, documenting and protecting critical intellectual property
- Develop collaborative programs for reducing patent and prosecution costs for technology start-ups
- Work with incubators and VC firms to advise technology start-ups to assess patentability and freedom to operate for new technologies

TRADE DRESS

- Advise clients on protectable elements, policing and enforcing of Trade Dress
- Prosecute and defend Trade Dress litigation in federal courts

TRADE SECRETS

- Advise clients on elements and relative benefits of protecting innovation and information through Trade Secret
- Advise clients concerning protecting and policing Trade Secrets, both in context of employer/employee relations and between competitors
- Prosecute and defend Trade Secret litigation in federal courts

TRADEMARKS, DOMAIN NAMES AND OTHER BRAND PROTECTION

- Advise clients on requirements and benefits of Trademark protection
- Advise clients on policing and enforcement strategies for maintaining Trademark protection
- File and prosecution Trademark applications before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
- Prosecute and defend Trademark litigation in federal courts

COMPUTER SOFTWARE & HARDWARE

- Advise clients on protectable elements of software and hardware, including relative benefits of patent, copyright, and trade secret protection
- Prepare and file patent application for client software and hardware inventions
- Prepare and file copyright applications for client software works of authorship

LIFE SCIENCES

- Advise life sciences inventors and companies concerning patentability of life science-related inventions and innovations
- Develop patent portfolio-building strategies with new and developing life sciences companies

- Work with life science clients to devise cost-effective strategies for filing for and quickly obtaining patent protection on life science-related inventions
- Advise life science companies on relative benefits, costs, and risks of protecting life science innovations with patent protection versus trade secret protection
- Advise life science companies on patent infringement, patent validity, and freedom-to-operate issues
- Advise life science companies on patent landscapes for selected life science technologies

CYBER SECURITY AND INFORMATION PRIVACY

- Advise software and network security companies concerning patentability of their inventions and innovations
- Develop patent portfolio-building strategies for cyber/network security companies
- Work with clients to devise cost-effective strategies for filing for and quickly obtaining patent protection on cyber/network security inventions
- Advise cyber/network security companies on relative benefits, costs, and risks of protecting innovations with patent protection versus trade secret protection
- Advise cyber/network security companies on patent infringement, patent validity, and freedom-to-operate issues
- Advise companies on patent landscapes in cyber/network security technologies

CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGY

- Advise clean energy companies concerning patentability of their inventions and innovations
- Develop patent portfolio-building strategies for clean energy companies
- Work with clients to devise cost-effective strategies for filing for and quickly obtaining patent protection on clean energy inventions

- Advise clean energy companies on relative benefits, costs, and risks of protecting innovations with patent protection versus trade secret protection
- Advise clean energy companies on patent infringement, patent validity, and freedom-to-operate issues
- Advise companies on patent landscapes in clean energy technologies

TECHNOLOGIES/INDUSTRIES

- Biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, medical devices
- Materials science, chemistry
- Electronics, microlithography, optics
- Heavy and light machinery; mechanical devices
- Software, internet, network security, business methods
- Household and personal products

INSIGHTS

Co-Author: 4th Circuit Decisions in Intellectual Property, Annual Review of Developments in Business and Corporate Litigation, Committee on Business and Corporate Litigation of the ABA; 2007, 2008, 2009 Editions

Instructor: 2012 Patent and Intellectual Property Law and Practice Summer Institute, Center for Advanced Study and Research on Intellectual Property, July 30-31, 2012

Presenter and Lecturer: Intensive Course in Pharmaceutical and Biotech Patent Opinion Writing, American Conference Institute, Cambridge, MA; Atlanta, GA, 2008

Guest Lecturer: University of Virginia Darden School of Business E-Boot Camp, Charlottesville, VA, 2008, 2009, 2010

Guest Lecturer: Center for Advanced Study & Research on Intellectual Property, Patent and Intellectual Property Law and Practice Summer Institute, 2009, 2010