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Patrick is a registered patent attorney and Certified Licensing Professional with more than 20 years of legal experience. He has an electrical engineering degree with power meter industry experience and technical acumen in electronics, computer software and business methods, telecommunications, medical devices, and mechanical arts. In helping clients build their international patent portfolios, Patrick leverages patent examiner histories and art unit analytics to maximize patent quality and to minimize cost and time-to-issuance. Patrick is one of only 20 Certified Licensing Professionals in the Carolinas and approximately 900 worldwide.

Patrick's intellectual property practice includes legal investigations such as infringement and risk mitigation searches, validity analyses, and freedom-to-operate investigations. He has procured more than 100 U.S. patents and also counsels clients with regard to trademark selection, protection, policing and opposition. In addition to serving clients, Patrick regularly speaks to industry groups on emerging technologies and related legal implications.

He has worked with clients in advancing technologies such as:

- Augmented reality, artificial intelligence, blockchain implementations, and network security
- Range-of-motion medical devices, telecommunication

protocols, multimedia delivery for customer experiences, and custom furniture manufacturing control systems
- A wide variety of license, procurement, purchase, maintenance, software, IT, Software as a Service (SaaS), cloud storage, and other agreements

Patrick has a long history of community service for chambers of commerce, bar organizations, and start-up incubators. He served on the Board of Directors for Junior Achievement of the Central Carolinas, which aspires to correct Charlotte's crisis of low upward socio-economic mobility. Patrick has three kids and a wonderful wife who shares his passion for Clemson University, where they met.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

South Carolina, 2018

North Carolina, 2010

Tennessee, 2005

U.S. District Court, Western District of North Carolina, 2010

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Tennessee, 2007

United States Patent and Trademark Office, 2006

SERVICE LINE

Intellectual Property
Strategic Patent Counsel

INDUSTRY SECTOR

Financial Institutions & Insurance
Health Care
Manufacturing
Technology

PRIMARY LOCATION

Charlotte, NC
Charleston, SC
Greenville, SC

EDUCATION

J.D., University of Tennessee College of Law, 2005

B.S., *magna cum laude*, Electrical Engineering, Clemson University, 2002

CERTIFICATIONS

Certified Licensing Professional, CLP
Registered Patent Attorney, United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- Clemson University Honors College Advisory Board Member, 2021 – present
- American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)
- Carolina Patent, Trademark & Copyright Law Association (CPTCLA)
- Charlotte Chamber Young Professionals, Board Member, 2013-2015
- Charlotte Clemson Club, Board Member and Networking Committee Member, 2012-2015
- Junior Achievement of the Central Carolinas, Board of Directors Member and Action Board Founder/Liaison, 2015-2019
- Knights of Columbus Council 770, Former Member
- Knoxville Bar Association Barristers, Former Executive Committee Member and Former Co-Chair, Volunteer Breakfast Committee
- Licensing Executives Society International (LESI), 2nd Pan-American Young Members Congress Planning Committee, 2015-2016
- Mecklenburg Bar Foundation, Board Member, 2015-2018
- Mecklenburg County Bar Leadership Institute, Class of 2013
- North Carolina Bar Association, Intellectual Property Law Section
- St. Gabriel Catholic Church Finance Council, Member, 2013-2015
- Tennessee Intellectual Property Law Association (TIPLA)

HONORS

- *Legal 500* U.S. City Elite, Charlotte, N.C. – Intellectual Property, 2026
- *Best Lawyers in America*, 2026
- *Business North Carolina* Legal Elite, 2021-2022, 2026
- IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Professionals by *Intellectual Asset Management*, Prosecution, 2023 -2025

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