

Intellectual Property

Intellectual Property Law Group Serving Clients in Maryland, Virginia, DC, Nationally and Internationally

Your ideas, your brand, and your technology are often your most valuable assets, which means they are the ones most vulnerable to infringement, misappropriation, or competitive pressure. Our comprehensive suite of intellectual property services helps clients protect what they've built and put it to work, whether that means registering a trademark, negotiating a license, or pursuing an infringement claim in court or arbitration. For predictable, well-defined matters such as trademark and copyright registration, website terms and privacy policies, we also offer flat fee arrangements, so clients know the cost before the work begins.

We work with entrepreneurs launching their first product and with established companies managing global portfolios, across industries including technology, e-commerce, consumer products, telecommunications, entertainment, publishing, and manufacturing. Our team combines litigation experience in federal courts nationwide with the practical judgment to resolve matters efficiently when a business solution serves the client better than a courtroom win. Wherever a client is in that range, the goal is the same: protect the asset, and make sure it delivers value.

Attorneys in the Intellectual Property Practice Group regularly advise our clients on a wide range of matters, including:

- Technology transfer and technology related transactions
- Complex software and content agreements and licenses
- U.S. and international intellectual property portfolio management including the registration and protection of intellectual property assets worldwide
- Federal and state court infringement and unfair competition litigation; *Inter partes* proceedings before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
- Domain name protection and related dispute arbitration
- Web site development agreements; Web site Terms and Conditions and Privacy Policy statements
- Internet sweepstakes
- Trade secret counseling
- Valuation of emerging technologies
- Work-for-Hire, Confidentiality and Non-Compete agreements
- Entertainment and publishing agreements and contracts relating to endorsements, employment, production, distribution and merchandising tie-ins

Results

- Successfully defended service mark infringement litigation brought by international entertainment consortium against our local Maryland client.
- Settled copyright infringement dispute over unauthorized use of our client's publications by global investment banking and securities firm. The settlement included a payment of over \$100,000 to our client as compensation.
- Negotiated a multi-million dollar manufacturing and distribution agreement for the worldwide distribution of our client's consumer electronics products.
- Successfully recovered several domain names from cyber squatters through the Uniform Dispute Resolution Process (UDRP) on behalf of clients with registered trademarks.
- Negotiated the transfer of patented device technology from a government agency to a privately held startup.

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