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Nick focuses his practice on patent preparation and prosecution, as well as invalidity and non-infringement opinions. His practice includes a wide variety of technological areas including machine learning/artificial intelligence, robotics, optics, control systems, software, automotive, and power semiconductors amongst others. More specifically, Nick is a firm-leader in all aspects of artificial intelligence, such as the fields of generative artificial intelligence, predictive analytics, autonomous vehicles, electronic document retrieval, cybersecurity, and computer vision.

Clients appreciate Nick's ability to quickly understand the complex technical aspects of their inventions. They also value his ability to distill and explain both the technical and legal aspects, in a manner that can be easily understood.

Prior to becoming an attorney, Nick was an electrical engineer at TRW in Elyria, Ohio and the Nordson Corporation in Amherst, Ohio.

### Services

- Intellectual Property
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Patent Procurement & Management
- Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity & Data Privacy

### Education

- University of Dayton School of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*)
- Kettering University (B.S.)
  - Electrical Engineering

### Bar Admissions

- Ohio
- U.S. Patent & Trademark Office

## Affiliations/Memberships

- American Intellectual Property Law Association
- Cincinnati Bar Association
- Ohio Bar Association

## Experience

### Represented a Privately Held Software Company Through an Asset Sale

We supported the sole-owner of a privately held software company in the sale of substantially all of the company's assets to a private equity portfolio company in an add-on acquisition. The total potential valuation was approximately \$25 million, including cash, rollover equity and earn outs. We navigated from LOI through closing, including due diligence, disclosure schedules, ancillary documentation and consents.

### NPE Experience

We have defended clients in challenges to their patents from a wide variety of NPEs. Several representative examples of patents we have defended are below:

- **Cascades Publishing Innovation, LLC:** U.S. Patent 8386484
- **Data Speed Technology LLC:** US Patent 5,867,686 – High speed real-time information storage system
- **eTagz:** US Patent 7,503,502 – Computer readable hang tag and product
- **eTagz:** US Patent 7,703,686 – Consumer computer-readable product label apparatus and method
- **eTagz:** US Patent 6,298,332 – CD-Rom product label apparatus and method
- **eWatch:** US Patent 6,970,183 – Multimedia surveillance and monitoring system including network configuration
- **Helfrich Patent Licensing:** Various US Patents related to mobile device technology
- **Honeywell International, Inc.:** Various US Patents related to bar code and QR code technology
- **Infinite Data, LLC:** US Patent 5,790,530 – Message passing multiprocessor system)
- **Innovatio IP Ventures:** Various US Patents related to local area network radio frequencies and multiple channel wireless access
- **Lemolson Foundation:** Various US Patents relating to bar code technologies
- **Lodsys:** US Patent 7,222,078 – Interactive applications (smartphone apps)
- **Mobile Logistics:** Various US Patents related to transportation yard management systems
- **MPHJ (formerly Project Paperless):** Various US Patents related to computer architecture and document management
- **Pragmatus Telecom, LLC:** US Patent 6,322,231 – Method and system for coordinating data and voice communications via customer contract channel changing system using voiceover IP)

- **Round Rock:** Various US Patents related to radio frequency identification
- **TPQ Development LLC:** US Patent 5,412,730 – Encrypted data transmission system employing means for randomly altering the encryption keys)
- **US Ethernet Innovations:** Various US Patents related to Ethernet connections and point of sale
- **Wireless Media:** Various US Patents related to transportation yard management systems
- **You Technology, Inc.:** Various US Patents related to biometric technology

## **IP Clearance**

Assisting client with ongoing analysis of competitor's patents; Development of design-around and invalidity strategies

## **Patent Preparation and Prosecution**

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## **University Advanced Research Agreements**

We represent an automotive manufacturer in negotiating and completing numerous university advanced research agreements and cooperative research and development agreements, in which we leveraged a unique combination of Intellectual Property and Corporate transactional experience.