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Jim is the former chair of the Intellectual Property department and formerly a member of the Board of Directors and Management Council. His practice focuses on patent application preparation and prosecution, both U.S. and foreign, opinions regarding patentability, patent infringement and validity, technology licensing, and litigation.

Services

- Intellectual Property
- Intellectual Property Acquisitions
- Intellectual Property Litigation

Education

- Georgetown University Law Center (J.D., 1974)
- University of Cincinnati (B.S.E.E., *with honors*, 1969)

Bar Admissions

- Ohio
- U.S. Patent & Trademark Office

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio

Affiliations/Memberships

- Dayton Bar Association, Professional Ethics Committee
- American Bar Association
- Ohio State Bar Association
- American Intellectual Property Law Association

- Humane Society of Greater Dayton, Executive Committee

Distinctions

- Peer Review Rated AV in *Martindale-Hubbell*
- *Best Lawyers*®
 - "Lawyer of the Year" in Dayton for Patent Law (2015, 2017, 2020)
 - Copyright, Patent and Trademark Law (2022,2024)
- *Who's Who in Law*
- Ohio *Super Lawyers*®

Experience

IP Licensing/Agreement Experience

Our attorneys have drafted a wide variety of agreements for clients to help them protect their intellectual property. Since 2011, we have drafted more than 575 total agreements, which can be broken down as follows:

Development Agreements (70)

- Independent Contractor Agreements (15)
- Talent Agreements (15)
- Presenter Agreements and Content Provider Agreements (10)
- Joint Ownership Agreements (10)
- Production Agreements (10)
- Employee Invention Policy and Agreements (5)
- Joint Development Agreements (5)

Litigation-related/Dispute Agreements (55)

- Pre-Litigation Settlement Agreements (15)
- Trademark Trial & Appeal Board Settlements (15)
- Co-Existence Agreements (10)
- Litigation Settlement Agreements – Patent Disputes (5)
- Litigation Settlement Agreements – Trademark Disputes (5)
- Joint Defense Agreements (5)

License Agreements (155)

- Software License Agreements (35)
- Patent License Agreements (35)
- Trademark License Agreements (20)
- End User License Agreements (15)
- Subscription Agreements (10)
- Software as a Service (SaaS Agreements (10)
- Channel Partner Agreements (10)
- Pilot Agreements (10)
- Copyright License Agreements (5)
- OEM License Agreements (5)

IT-related Agreements (170)

- Terms of Use and Privacy Policy (35)
- Healthcare-related IT Agreements (30)
- Software IT Agreements (25)
- Hardware IT Agreements (25)
- Master Client/Service Agreements (25)
- Support and Maintenance IT Agreements (15)
- Reseller Agreements (15)

Research Agreements (55)

- Advanced Research Agreements (25)
- Materials Transfer (20)
- Cooperative Research and Development Agreements (10)

Misc. Agreements (55)

- Non-Disclosure Agreements (25)
- Participant Agreements (10)
- Exclusive Sales Representation Agreements (5)
- Termination Agreements (5)
- Domain Purchase Agreements (5)

- Domain Escrow Agreements (5)

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

Patent Experience

- Prosecuted over a thousand patent applications in the United States and abroad.
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Negotiated hundreds of patent and technology licenses, including litigating patent portfolios and then licensing the successfully litigated patent portfolios to entire industries.

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Provided numerous opinions regarding patent infringement, validity and enforceability of patents in preparation for enforcing the patents in litigation or defending against the patents in litigation.