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Practice Areas

- Intellectual Property
- Business Transactions and Counseling
- Startups and Emerging Companies

Biography

Based in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Christopher Voci's practice centers on helping companies with their patent, trademark, copyright and software issues in Iowa, across the U.S. and around the world. As part of this, Mr. Voci prepares and prosecutes trademarks in the U.S. and internationally and prepares and prosecutes patents in many technologies in the U.S. and internationally. Mr. Voci also works with clients on software license agreements, trademark, copyright and patent license agreements, national and international distribution agreements, and other business contracts. He also provides support for corporate transactions and litigation involving software and intellectual property matters. Mr. Voci counsels clients on proper response to security breaches and other privacy breaches.

U.S. Trademark Protection. Mr. Voci represents clients in front of the US Trademark Office in all aspects of the application and registration process as well as counseling clients on navigating the selection and use of trademarks in the marketplace. Mr. Voci negotiates with opposing parties to satisfactorily resolve client's trademark disputes.

U.S. Patent Prosecution. Mr. Voci represents clients in front of the US Patent Office in all aspects of patent practice, with an emphasis on the preparation and prosecution of patent applications. Mr. Voci has a wide range of technological expertise including chemical and mechanical technologies.

Foreign Patent Prosecution. Mr. Voci has significant experience in counseling clients on how to select where to file foreign patent applications, including utilizing effective strategies for maximizing coverage while minimizing cost.

Intellectual Property Strategy. Mr. Voci counsels clients in methods of using intellectual property assets to both defend against competitors on the one hand and to use against competitors on the other hand. Defending against competitors with intellectual property may include pre-emptive patenting or publication or design around activities. Using intellectual property against competitors may include analyzing current and future trends in the marketplace as well as the competitors' patenting activities to understand the direction the competitor is headed. Further, trademarks, copyrights, software licenses, employment agreements and non-compete agreements also offer methods to give the client an edge in the marketplace.

Bar Admissions

- State of Pennsylvania, 2016
- State of Iowa, 2007
- State of Michigan, 2001
- U.S. Patent & Trademark Office, 1999

Education

- Franklin Pierce Law Center, Concord, NH, JD, 1999
- University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 1995
    - BS, Chemistry, with high honors

Professional & Community Affiliations

Professional Memberships

- Iowa State Bar Association
    - Intellectual Property Section

Honors & Awards

- Included in Best Lawyers in America® 2027
    - Litigation – Intellectual Property