



John C. McNett

SENIOR COUNSEL

John joined the firm in 1970 and has over the years tended to concentrate in litigation of intellectual property issues, while also handling patent licensing and prosecution matters. Prior to working with the firm, he had worked in his hometown of Fort Wayne, Indiana, as a television engineer, as a microbiologist, and as a construction worker. He has served as an adjunct professor teaching intellectual property at Purdue University. He has served as a mediator and as an arbitrator in intellectual property disputes.

John tends to focus his practice on issues that are difficult or complex either technically, legally, or diplomatically. He is comfortable working in all areas of technology. John has been selected for inclusion in Super Lawyer listings in Indiana each year from 2004 to 2009.

Education

- **Purdue University**, *B.S. Biology*, 1967
- **George Washington University**, *J.D.*, 1970

Bar Admissions

- **Indiana**, 1970
- **U.S. Patent Bar**, 1970
- **U.S. Supreme Court**, 1973

Representative Experience

- Counsel of record for the prevailing Charlie Christianson and lead on the briefing in the U.S. Supreme Court (orally argued there by Stuart Lefstein) in a case involving patents and trade secrets in the M-16 assault rifle. This case is among the 10 most frequently cited cases in patent law, according to PatentlyO.com. [Christianson v. Colt Industries Operating Corp. 1988](#)
- Lead counsel in patent case suspended during reexamination in which all asserted claims of adversary's patent were found invalid. See *BASF v. Reilly Industries* 2007.
- Lead trial counsel at trial and appeal in a patent infringement suit involving a steering wheel for computer games, finding

infringement of client's patent by defendant's product. See [JVW Enterprises v. Interact Accessories, 2005](#).

- Lead counsel in patent infringement suit, affirmed on appeal, involving 3 patents on digital television translators in which all of adversary's asserted claims were found invalid. See [K-Tech Telecommunications v. Blonder Tongue Laboratories, Inc. 2014](#)

Professional Affiliations

- American Intellectual Property Law Association
- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
- American Chemical Society
- Past Chairman of the Patent, Trademark and Copyright Section of the Indiana State Bar Association 1978-1979

Publications

- Course Materials for ME 554, Intellectual Property at Purdue University, 2001-2016

Presentations and Speaking Engagements

- Developed and taught a course in Intellectual Property for Engineers at Purdue University, ME554 (2001-2016), and lectured in ECE 402 Senior Design (2002-2015) and ME263 Engineering Design (2005-2015)

Awards/Honors

- Selected for inclusion in Super Lawyer listings in Indiana each year from 2004 to 2009
- Rated A+ by Martindale from 1975 to present

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