



Christopher A. Brown

OF COUNSEL

Chris is a registered patent attorney, and has been with Woodard, Emhardt, Henry, Reeves & Wagner since 1996. His practice involves all intellectual property topics, including patent, trademark, copyright, trade secret and right of publicity analysis and infringement issues.

Chris concentrates on assisting clients of all sizes in developing of patent and trademark portfolios and has significant experience with medical and health-related companies. He helps small or startup companies with protection for core intellectual property assets, and reviews products for clearance over intellectual property rights of others. Specifically, he has obtained domestic and foreign trademark and patent protection in the health and life sciences, communications, mechanical arts and other fields. Chris also provides non-infringement, freedom to operate, and validity analyses and opinions concerning patent and trademark rights, as well as assistance with proceedings in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (such as patent interference, re-examination and reissue matters or trademark oppositions and cancellations) and with European patent opposition proceedings.

Chris has a Bachelor's Degree in physics from Wabash College, which included on-campus study of optics, chemistry, electric and magnetic theory and computer science, and study of particle physics and fusion-energy technology and theory at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. He was born and raised in Indianapolis, Indiana, and he speaks and reads German.

Education

- **Wabash College**, *A.B. summa cum laude, Physics, 1989*
- **Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law**, *J.D. summa cum laude, 1996*

Bar Admissions

- **Indiana**, 1996
- **U.S. Patent and Trademark Office**, 1997

Representative Experience

Representing clients in matters involving medical devices and implants, orthopedic tools and implants, energy production processes and devices, communications technology, packaging technology and a variety of other mechanical devices and arts.

Handling domestic and international patent and trademark prosecution.

Handling and supporting patent, trademark, trade secret and other litigation, including litigation before U.S. International Trade Commission.

Handling adversary proceedings in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, including patent interferences and trademark oppositions and cancellations.

Analysis of clients' and others' intellectual property rights, including reviewing patents and trademarks, drafting opinions relating to patentability, infringement or noninfringement, and freedom to operate.

Honors & Awards

Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rated AV Preeminent

Speaking Engagements

- "What's In A Name? The Intersection of Branding Rules and Trademark Practice / Policy," Surviving in the Regulated World Post Market, Indiana Medical Device Manufacturers Council, September 11, 2019.
- Guest Speaker, Center for Intellectual Property & Innovation, McKinney School of Law, March 2015.

Professional Affiliations

Council Member, Indiana State Bar Association, Intellectual Property Section

Publications

- "Patent Priorities, Trademark Cautions for the Eco-Focused," The Indiana Lawyer, April 15, 2020.
- "Is a Taco a Sandwich? This IP Question Isn't Patently Absurd," The Indiana Lawyer, December 12, 2018.
- "Ounce of Prevention for Business IP Assets Worth Pound of Cure," The Indiana Lawyer, April 18, 2018.

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