

Intellectual Property Law

Over 75 Years of Combined Trademark Experience

Every day, Miles & Stockbridge helps businesses around the world maximize the strategic value of their trademarks in connection with goods and services from many different industries and disciplines, both domestic and international. Our lawyers are experienced in the procurement, management and maximization of the value of all types of intellectual property (IP) including not just trademarks but trade secrets, patents, and copyrights as well. We also understand and work with clients on complex transactions involving licensing, e-commerce, corporate and secured transactions, and technology transfer.

We counsel clients on all aspects of trademark law, from mark selection to availability and clearance searches, registration, watch services, enforcement, and licensing. We have extensive experience with the procedures and requirements of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and when necessary our trademark lawyers utilize their experience in proceedings before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board to protect and enforce our clients' trademark rights.

We also help protect clients' valuable trademark rights by working with Customs and Border Protection to stop infringing imports before they enter U.S. commerce. Our efforts to combat counterfeits can also include exclusionary remedies issued by the International Trade Commission (ITC) to block infringing imports.

Our team regularly provides experienced counsel regarding 1) patent prosecution with an emphasis in computers, software, biotech, chemical and materials, and electronics and electrical systems; 2) post-grant proceedings before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; 3) freedom to operate opinions; 4) mergers and acquisition support in IP diligence; 5) addressing non-practicing entity issues; and 6) licensing, both inbound and outbound. We are not, however, limited to these areas, but have the depth of experience and flexibility to provide support in other cutting-edge IP-related matters.

We are skilled at helping companies maximize the value of their intellectual assets by not only assisting them in transactions, but also by helping them develop effective business practices that integrate innovation and IP management as a core discipline.

To enhance value to our clients, we offer the option of fixed fees and a team approach to trademark portfolio acquisitions, enforcement and management.

Background

- Over seventy-five years of combined trademark experience protecting and enforcing client trademark rights in the U.S. and internationally, on behalf of clients ranging from individuals to multinational corporations.
- Our team includes a former senior attorney with the CBP Intellectual Property Rights Branch.
- Collectively, the team possesses technical and advanced degrees in: applied sciences, biochemistry, biology/microbiology, bio-medical engineering, chemistry, computer engineering, electrical engineering, life sciences, mathematics, mechanical engineering & systems engineering.
- 2 team members are former USPTO Examiners.

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Ajay Jagtiani possesses more than 23 years of experience in domestic and international trademark prosecution, trademark litigation and trademark enforcement. Ajay also has experience with Uniform Domain-Name Dispute-Resolution Policy (UDRP) proceedings, recording of registrations with the Customs and Border Protection to prevent importation of infringing goods into the United States, civil suits in both state and federal courts, and ITC complaints of trademark infringement and unfair trade practices, merger and acquisition support in IP diligence, and licensing, both inbound and outbound. Ajay has managed the trademark portfolio for major cosmetics companies, fashion houses and medical device companies, as well as numerous institutions of higher education. Ajay combines the skills of a highly experienced patent attorney with that of a highly experienced trademark attorney to provide his clients a holistic approach to their intellectual property needs. He is a thought leader and has been published in numerous forums on trademark matters, including *Law360* and *World Intellectual Property Review*. Ajay also serves as a TED mentor.



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Karl Means advises clients on the selection and protection of both domestic and international trademarks. His practice includes all aspects of trademark law, from availability searches, to registration and maintenance (U.S. and foreign), to civil enforcement lawsuits in state and federal courts. Clients also seek Karl's counsel with respect to brand development, licensing, and product commercialization, as well as copyright and software matters. Karl was previously a Senior Attorney in the Intellectual Property Rights Branch at the U.S. Customs Service (now Customs and Border Protection or "CBP"). He has extensive experience with border enforcement measures, combatting counterfeit goods and enforcing ITC exclusion orders. During his time at CBP Karl gained specific experience with respect to parallel imports or "grey market" goods, and is a member of INTA's Parallel Imports Committee. In addition to his trademark practice, Karl leverages his CBP experience and counsels clients on import, export and other international trade matters. Events around the world have led to an increase in trade-related issues and Karl routinely provides advice on matters ranging from tariff classification and country-of-origin, to Export Administration Regulation and ITAR compliance, and trade sanctions. His clients also seek Karl's advice on domestic content and "Made in America" issues that relate to (and sometimes result from) these international trade matters. Karl has a Martindale-Hubbell "AV Preeminent" Peer Rating.



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Dave Schaffer has over 25 years of experience in developing integrated and independent patent, trademark, copyright and trade secret protection strategies and systems tailored to each specific client's needs and resources. In addition to the above, he represents clients in matters involving intellectual property protection strategy for obtaining, policing, protecting and enforcing patents, copyrights and trademarks. He regularly provides IP due diligence counsel support in merger and acquisition deals. He also specializes in identifying and resolving patent, trademark, trade secret, and copyright issues that arise in the computer (hardware and software), artificial intelligence (AI), Internet, internet of things (IOT), metaverse, security, information technology, furniture, medical device, aseptic food processing, telecommunication, and blast and ballistic protection fields.