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Intellectual Property | Intellectual Property Litigation | Patent Law

John L. North serves clients facing complex intellectual property challenges, providing strategic litigation and counseling in patent, trademark, copyright, trade secret, and unfair competition matters. He distinguishes himself through extensive experience leading over 100 intellectual property cases across major U.S. courts and internationally, delivering practical clarity and tailored strategies for clients ranging from solo inventors to billion-dollar corporations in diverse industries such as technology, pharmaceuticals, and telecommunications. His experience includes assisting patent holders with the monetization of their portfolios, including through funded litigation.

John focuses his practice on intellectual property litigation, handling complex disputes involving patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets, and unfair competition. He also advises clients on patent licensing, portfolio strategy, pre-litigation counseling, and inter partes review. His litigation experience spans all major IP courts in the United States and extends globally to clients in Australia, Taiwan, Israel, and Western Europe.

John's technical expertise covers a broad spectrum of industries, including artificial intelligence, smartphone and email security, computer software and hardware, telecommunications, chemicals, minerals, textiles, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, healthcare information systems, and consumer and construction products. This diverse knowledge enables him to align legal strategies with clients' business objectives effectively.

His client base ranges from large multinational corporations to smaller organizations, representing both plaintiffs and defendants. John is recognized for his client service focus, ensuring practical and efficient solutions tailored to each client's needs. He contributes to the legal community as a founding committee member of the Atlanta Intellectual Property Inn of Court and serves as an adjunct professor at Emory School of Law.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Lead counsel in over 100 intellectual property cases across major U.S. courts and international jurisdictions.
- Represented clients in complex patent, trademark, copyright, trade secret, and unfair competition litigation.
- Advised on patent licensing, portfolio strategy, and pre-litigation counseling.

- Managed inter partes review proceedings for diverse technology clients.
- Served a broad client base from solo inventors to billion-dollar corporations in communications, computing, media, and pharmaceuticals.
- Appointed Special Master in two patent cases.

EDUCATION

J.D., Emory University School of Law, cum laude, Emory Law Journal

B.A., Public Policy & Economics, Duke University, magna cum laude

BAR ADMISSIONS

Georgia

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia

U.S. Federal Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

U.S. Federal Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court

MEMBERSHIPS

Founding Committee, Atlanta Intellectual Property Inn of Court

Adjunct Professor, Emory School of Law

Global Fellow, Federal Circuit Bar Association

Member, Georgia Bar Association

RECOGNITIONS

The Best Lawyers in America[®], 2026

Chambers USA, 2003-2025

Georgia Super Lawyers, Top 100 List, 2017-2025

Super Lawyers, 2004-2025

IAM Patent 1000, 2012-2025

PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Emory Law Journal

Numerous presentations and papers on expert evidence issues, including in the Scientific Evidence Review publication of the Science and Technology Section of the American Bar Association.