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PRIMARY PRACTICES

Intellectual Property

Patents

Trademarks

John J. Cunniff is a registered patent attorney and certified by the Florida Bar as a Specialist in Intellectual Property Law. Board certification recognizes attorneys' special knowledge, skills and proficiency in various areas of law and professionalism and ethics in practice. John provides advice on intellectual property law, including patents, trademarks, copyright, trade secrets, and legal opinions on patentability, infringement and validity issues. He prepares and reviews confidential disclosure and joint-development agreements, and trade-secret protection plans. John's counseling also consists of prosecution of Internet domain-name complaints.

John also deals with the preparation and prosecution of trademark registration applications and with utility, design and plant patent applications in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and worldwide. He also manages trademark registrations and issued patents domestically and internationally. His core technologies include biotech/biomedical, biochemical, plants, polymers, and biological and mechanical arts.

Prior to becoming an attorney, John spent seven years as a research associate for Amersham Pharmacia Biotech/US Biochemical Corporation, a major supplier of enzymes and reagents used in pharmaceutical research. He also worked for six years as a senior research associate at the Jackson Laboratory, a leading genetics research laboratory. He also holds a U.S. patent for Thermostable DNA Polymerase (#5,885,813) as well as corresponding patents in Canada, Japan and Europe.

John is licensed in Florida and Ohio. He is also licensed to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in Patent Matters.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
- State of Florida
- State of Ohio
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- Florida Bar Board Certified Specialist, Intellectual Property

EDUCATION

- University of Akron, J.D., 1999
- Dean's List
- Indiana University, M.A., Microbiology, 1988
- Indiana University, B.S., Biology *with honors*, 1984

AWARDS & HONORS

- Inventor, U.S. Patent No. 5,885,813: Thermostable DNA Polymerase
- Top Lawyer, Naples Illustrated, Intellectual Property Law, 2021, 2025

PUBLICATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS



- Russia, Ukraine and Patents, March 31, 2022.
- Beware! Trademark Solicitations Designed to Confuse (Southwest Florida Business Today), September 20, 2022.
- Warning Update – Trademark Office Impostors, February 1, 2023.
- Phishing for Trademark Owners (Adverse Witness), February 2, 2023.
- The European Patent System Is Changing, March 2, 2023.
- Pro Bono and Professional Opportunities in Intellectual Property (The Florida Bar), April 11, 2024.
- IP Specialist Certification (The Florida Bar), April 12, 2024.
- Florida’s Intellectual Property Specialist Certification (Florida Bar IP Symposium), April 10, 2025.
- Be Aware of Intellectual Property Scams (Southwest Florida Business Today), July 5, 2025.

MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

- Florida Bar Business Law Section, Intellectual Property Committee
- Vice Chair, 2024-present
- Intellectual Property Symposium Chair, 2024

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- DDC Clinic, Member, Institutional Review Board
- Akron Volunteer Legal Services, Former Member
- Cleveland Intellectual Property Law Association, Former Director
- Firestone High Aquatic Association, Former Treasurer
- Firestone Football Association, Former President

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

- Of Counsel, Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP, 2012-present; Associate, 2004-12
- Associate, Renner, Kenner, Greive, Bobak, Taylor & Weber, 1999-2004
- Research Associate, American Pharmacia Biotech/US Biomedical Corp., 1992-99
- Senior Research Assistant, The Jackson Laboratory, 1986-92