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As a patent and trademark attorney, Bret A. Hrivnak counsels clients on the protection of U.S. and international intellectual property, including patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets and domain names. Bret manages worldwide IP portfolios and develops global strategies for IP protection.

Bret's IP experience includes prosecuting and defending disputes arising under state, federal and international laws, including proceedings before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board and the World Intellectual Property Organization.

Bret's representation also includes preparing and reviewing agreements, including licenses, assignments, joint ventures and development agreements, supply agreements, mergers and acquisitions, and other intellectual property transactions. Bret also addresses antitrust issues that may arise in such transactions or otherwise during the course of his clients' business activities.

Publications & Speaking Engagements

- Presenter, "Patent Law Case Law Update," Ohio State Bar Association CLE Seminar, July 2012.
- Presenter, "Intellectual Property: The Basics of International Protection," Ohio State Bar Association CLE Seminar, April 2012.
- Author, "Federal Circuit Continues to Develop Test for Patentable Subject Matter after Supreme Court's Bilski Decision," IP News, January 2011.
- Author, "Further developments concerning the patentability of processes," IP News, January 2009.
- Author, "Dusting off your intellectual property: a year-end audit of your IP and related policies," IP News, December 2008.
- Author, "The pitfalls of structuring patent ownership between affiliated entities," IP News, October 2008.
- Author, "Patent infringement: Delivering non-infringing products may still result in lost profit damages," IP News, April 2008.
- Author, "Virtual jurisdiction: Is it a reality?" Ohio State Bar Association Intellectual Property News, Winter 2008.

Professional History

- Partner, Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP, 2013-present; Associate, 2004-12; Law Clerk/Patent Agent, 2002-04.
- Race Tire Development Engineer, Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc., 1996-2001.
- R&D Engineer, East Manufacturing Corp., 1994-96.

Admissions

- State of Ohio, 2004.
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit; U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.



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Education

- University of Akron School of Law, J.D., 2004.
 - Honors & Activities: Certificate in Intellectual Property Law.
- University of Akron, M.S., Mechanical Engineering, 2001.
 - Honors & Activities: Published Thesis, “Influence of Notch Severity on Impact Toughness and Fracture; Behavior of Three Aluminum Alloys”.
- University of Akron, B.S., Mechanical Engineering, 1994.

Memberships & Affiliations

- Institute for Creative Leadership, Board of Trustees, Member.
- Scanlon-Bell American Inn of Court, Member.
- Ohio State Bar Association, IP Law Section, Vice Chair; CLE Program Director.
- American Intellectual Property Law Association, Member.
- Cleveland Intellectual Property Association, Member.
- Licensing Executives Society (LES), Past Member.
- Scanlon Inn of Courts, Past Member.

Awards & Distinctions

- Rising Star, *Ohio Super Lawyers*®, 2010, 2014.
- Akron Torchbearers, Class of 2010.