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Intellectual Property

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Derek focuses his practice at FBT on Intellectual Property (IP) Litigation matters. He assists companies of all sizes with IP and commercial disputes involving complex technology in pre-suit matters, in court, before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, before the International Trade Commission, and in alternative dispute resolution forums through all stages of litigation.

Using his background in computer science and software, Derek translates complex technology into intuitive concepts for judges and juries. Derek previously worked as a Judicial Extern for Judge Michael R. Barrett of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio. This experience provided him with a unique perspective on U.S. District Court litigation.

Other Info About Derek

Work History

Judicial Extern, Hon Michael R. Barrett, United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio

Experience

Defended water filter products company against claims of patent infringement through trial before the International Trade Commission.

Defended renewable energy products company against claims of patent infringement through trial before the International Trade Commission.

Conducted IP due diligence for multimillion-dollar cross-border acquisition deal.

Defended renewable energy products company against claims of patent infringement in federal court.

Defended consumer products company against claims of patent infringement, trade-secret misappropriation and breach of contract involving consumer textile products.

Defended various software companies against claims of patent infringement.

Developed and executed a trademark enforcement system for an Internet privacy company issuing numerous takedown requests.

Represented Internet privacy company on claims of copyright infringement against third party forking application code causing crash reports on company servers.

Represented product manufacturer in a Uniform Domain-Name Dispute-Resolution Policy (UDRP) action on a claim of trademark infringement against bad actors defrauding consumers via imposter websites.

Conducted patent invalidity and non-infringement analysis across a range of technologies.

Drafted various work for hire agreements for multinational entertainment and Fortune 500 company.

Represented various entities in managing nationwide data security incident requiring notification to constituents and administrative bodies.

Counseled company through issues of liability concerning co-ownership with a government entity.

Education

Northern Kentucky University Salmon P. Chase College of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude,* 2019

B.S., Computer Science, St. John Fisher College, *cum laude*, 2016

Courts

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas

Professional Affiliations

Cincinnati Bar Association-Young Lawyers Section, Secretary

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