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Companies that rely on innovation and technology as a major part of their business invest an immense amount of time and capital in their technology and branding to bring products to market. Innovative companies need to be confident that their intellectual property investments are protected. Zach helps companies protect these investments by quickly and decisively resolving disputes with competitors and building a company's IP portfolio.

Zach has a wide range of litigation experience, securing favorable outcomes for companies in patent, trademark, and trade dress disputes relating to a variety of industries and technological areas such as semiconductors, solar power conversion, batteries, signal processing, medical devices, software, and merchandise display systems. He has also helped companies protect their innovations by invalidating competitor patents in inter partes review and other post-issuance proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board.

Zach also counsels companies to develop robust IP programs, including developing patent portfolios, providing patentability analysis, and analyzing competitor IP portfolios. He has counseled companies and prosecuted patents in a variety of industries and technological areas such as consumer electronics, business methods, and software.

Prior to law school, Zach worked as a process engineer for a global semiconductor manufacturer in the research and development manufacturing lab.

Zach is also the co-chair of the pro bono committee and regularly provides pro bono representation, including for clients seeking asylum, fighting eviction from subsidized housing, and appealing determinations made by child services.

When he is not practicing law, Zach is tending to his Chicago cidery that he started with three friends.

Education

University of Utah
2006, B.S., Electrical Engineering, B.A., Jazz Performance

Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law
2012, J.D.

Admissions

Bar Admissions
2012, Illinois

Court Admissions
Supreme Court of Illinois
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Practices

Counseling, Opinions + Licensing
Counterfeit Goods Seizure
Design Patents
Jury Trials
Litigation
Patent Interferences
PTAB Litigation
Patent Prosecution
Trade Dress
Trade Secrets
Trademarks

Industries

Electrical + Computer Technologies
Internet, E-Commerce + Business Methods
Life Sciences + Pharmaceuticals
Medical Devices

Affiliations/Memberships

Member, Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago

Recent News + Events + Related Publications

NEWS - 03.21.24

PTAB Highlights | Takeaways from Recent Decisions in Post-Issuance Proceedings

NEWS - 09.18.23

PTAB Highlights | Takeaways from Recent Decisions in Post-Issuance Proceedings

NEWS - 07.12.23

PTAB Highlights | Takeaways from Recent Decisions in Post-Issuance Proceedings

NEWS - 02.07.23

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NEWS - 10.24.22

Banner Witcoff Celebrates National Pro Bono Week October 23-29, 2022

NEWS - 03.15.22

IP Alert | Two Years In: How COVID-19 Continues to Impact IP Litigation