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OVERVIEW

Robert Norton has more than 10 years of experience helping clients protect and maximize their intellectual property rights. He focuses his practice on patent prosecutions, licensing, opinion drafting, and litigation. He has extensive experience obtaining patent and trademark registrations and negotiating and drafting various licensing agreements and validity and non-infringement opinions.

Robert handled patent infringement litigation involving a variety of industries, including pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, medical devices, electronics and appliance manufacturing, printing and telecommunications, and internet technology. Specific technologies he worked with include VoIP switch, DRAM computer chips, video game packaging, anti-epilepsy drug, food flavoring, plastic resin, and bag, sewing machine, metal case, and window shades.

In addition, he served as primary U.S. counsel to many Japanese corporations with various legal matters outside of intellectual property. He represented Japanese corporations in civil litigations over various contract disputes, land use, and investments. He also assisted Japanese clients with drafting and negotiating sales and distribution agreements; forming and dissolving corporations; buying, selling, and developing real estate; business combinations; employment law; immigration; government investigations; and in international disputes.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Robert was a partner in the New York office of a U.S. law firm.

Before practicing law, he was an intellectual property paralegal at several New York law firms. He also served as a team interpreter for the New York Mets and was an assistant manager at Mika Overseas Corporation, where he handled import and export rights and sales of various products between the United States and Japan.

He frequently speaks to corporations, universities, and government agencies in Japan on the topic of U.S. patent law. He served as a visiting professor at Kyoto University in 2009 and 2010.

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- New York Intellectual Property Law Association

- The Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM)
- U.S. Japan Council
- Japanese American Association of New York (Director)

EDUCATION

- J.D., St. John's University School of Law, 2002
- B.A., University of Connecticut, 1994 (*Biological Sciences*)

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of New York
- Japan (Dai-ni Tokyo Bar Association (Gaikokuho-Jimu-Bengoshi - registered foreign lawyer))
- United States Patent and Trademark Office

LANGUAGES

- English
- Japanese

NEWS & EVENTS

- 25 May 2021, K&L Gates Real Estate Practice, Lawyers Named Among Leaders in 2021 Chambers USA Guide

AREAS OF FOCUS

- IP Procurement and Portfolio Management
- Food, Drugs, Medical Devices, and Cosmetics (FDA)
- IP Litigation
- Pharma and BioPharma Litigation
- Post-Grant Patents
- Technology Transactions and Sourcing

INDUSTRIES

- Consumer Products
- Food and Beverage