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OVERVIEW

Patrick Richards is a partner and a member of the IP Procurement and Portfolio Management practice group. Patrick is experienced in all areas of intellectual property, including patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets. As a registered patent attorney, Patrick dedicates a substantial portion of his practice to helping businesses protect their technical innovations, both acquiring patents to help clients build valuable IP portfolios and enforcing patent rights through litigation. Patrick also has extensive experience working with clients on their trademark portfolios.

Patrick approaches legal work with the mind of an entrepreneur and business owner. In addition to founding a law firm that he managed for over a decade, Patrick has founded and managed a number of other businesses, including a medical device company. Having been a business owner, Patrick is particularly adept at pairing his legal advice with his clients' business strategy and objectives. Clients commonly come to Patrick for help with legal work outside of the intellectual property space due to his ability to manage teams of attorneys spanning a wide range of legal practices.

Patrick particularly enjoys working with businesses that are in growth mode, whether early stage startups or more established businesses looking to build on their success.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Earlier in his career, Patrick left his position as partner in a global law firm to start his own IP-focused law firm. Concurrently, he co-founded a medical device software company, focusing on the development and commercialization of software that powers hearing aids, cochlear implants, and other neuromodulation devices, and co-founded a crowdfunding platform that was named one of the 100 Brilliant Businesses of 2014 by Entrepreneur Magazine.

Patrick was an adjunct professor at the Northwestern Pritzker School of Law in the NUvention Medical course for five years. Patrick's course focused on interdisciplinary experiential learning, walking student teams through the steps associated with bringing a medical innovation to life, spanning product innovation and development, intellectual property protection, regulatory compliance, and business development issues.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Selected to Illinois Rising Stars, 2012-2015
- Emerging Lawyer by Leading Lawyers, 2015
- Peer Rated as AV Preeminent by peers through Martindale-Hubble
- Client Rated as 5.0 Preeminent by clients through Martindale-Hubble

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Adjunct professor, Pritzker Northwestern School of Law
- American Intellectual Property Law Association
- Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago
- Chicago Bar Association
- Illinois State Bar Association

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Virginia School of Law, 2000
- B.S.C.E., University of Illinois, 1997 *honors*

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Illinois
- United States Patent and Trademark Office

NEWS & EVENTS

- 26 August 2020, *The Legal Intelligencer*: 'Constantly at Capacity,' Chicago IP Boutique Founder Jumps to K&L Gates

MEDIA MENTIONS

- It takes more than a law degree to grow your own firm, *Chicago Lawyer Magazine*

AREAS OF FOCUS

- IP Procurement and Portfolio Management

- IP Litigation