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OVERVIEW

George Dickos' practice focuses on the legal aspects of technology and, most specifically, intellectual property protection and exploitation. In that regard, he has also served as coordinator of the firm's intellectual property practice. Throughout his tenure at the firm, he has been responsible for significant intellectual property and technology transfer agreements, including technology-related acquisitions and divestitures, both domestically and internationally. George's practice includes as a substantial component technology development and licensing. His intellectual property work embraces all aspects of that discipline such as worldwide patent, trademark, copyright and trade secret clearance, protection, development and commercialization. Specifically, George's intellectual property practice involves: providing legal opinions concerning intellectual property validity and infringement issues; intellectual property dispute resolution; analyzing potentially patentable subject matter; preparation and prosecution of patent applications; trademark availability analyses; trademark application preparation and prosecution; copyright application prosecution; and analyzing the protectability of asserted trade secrets or trade dress. Sample technologies include: robotics, artificial intelligence, heavy equipment design, manufacture and maintenance, railway systems, oil and gas systems, valves, pumps, medical devices, industrial heating products and systems, workholding devices, and children's products. George has also handled patent and trademark litigation matters before various federal courts and before the USPTO. He serves as outside general intellectual property counsel for clients having large intellectual property portfolios. In that capacity, he assists in their decision-making processes involving the appropriate methods for protecting their intellectual property and in capitalizing upon their intellectual property assets.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining K&L Gates, George served as a patent attorney in United States Steel Corporation's law department.

George is a past president of the Pittsburgh Intellectual Property Law Association and has served as its secretary/treasurer and as a member of its board of directors.

He has also served as chairman of the Publications Committee for the Licensing Executives Society.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Listed in the *Best Lawyers in America* for Trademark Law, 2018-2022
- Listed, "IAM Patent 1000 – The World's Leading Patent Practitioners," 2012-2018
- Listed as a leader in Pennsylvania IP Transactions, *IAM Patent 1000*, 2020-present

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Past-President, Pittsburgh Intellectual Property Law Association
- International Trademark Association
- American Bar Association (Patent, Trademark and Copyright Law Section)
- American Intellectual Property Law Association
- Licensing Executives Society (former Section Chair)
- Past-President, St. Nicholas Cathedral
- President, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
- Past-President, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church (4 terms)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "Ethical Issues in Everyday IP Practice," Carolinas Patent Trademark Copyright Law Association, September 2008
- "Protecting Your Company's IP and Unraveling Student IP," Carnegie Mellon University and Pitt Law School Joint Program, twice annually from 2014 - 2017
- "Intellectual Property Fundamentals," classes taught at Virginia Tech, University of Pittsburgh, and Washington and Jefferson College, 2009 - 2015

EDUCATION

- B.S.M.E., Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
- J.D., University of Pittsburgh School of Law

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Pennsylvania
- United States Patent and Trademark Office

- United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

LANGUAGES

- Greek

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 25 September 2020, Ninth Circuit Overturns FTC-Requested Injunction Against Refusal To License Standard Essential Patents

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- “Ethical Issues in Everyday IP Practice,” *Carolinas Patent Trademark Copyright Law Association*, September 2008

NEWS & EVENTS

- 1 August 2023, K&L Gates Intellectual Property Practice Listed Among Leaders in 2023 IAM Patent 1000 Rankings
- 18 August 2022, More Than 350 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2023 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch
- 11 July 2022, K&L Gates Intellectual Property Practice Recognized Among Leaders in 2022 IAM Patent 1000 Rankings
- 19 August 2021, Nearly 300 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2022 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch
- 12 August 2021, K&L Gates Intellectual Property Practice Again Ranked Among Leaders in 2021 IAM Patent 1000
- 5 August 2020, K&L Gates Intellectual Property Practice Ranked Among Leaders in 2020 IAM Patent 1000

AREAS OF FOCUS

- IP Procurement and Portfolio Management
- Emerging Growth and Venture Capital
- Offshore Construction
- Offshore Wind Energy

- Post-Grant Patents
- Rail and Roads
- Technology Transactions and Sourcing
- Water and Wastewater

INDUSTRIES

- Artificial Intelligence
- Hardware and Semiconductors
- Technology

EMERGING ISSUES

- Social Media Law