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Peter A. Nieves

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Peter is the head of the firm's Patent Law and Intellectual Property and Technology Groups. He is an experienced patent attorney whose unique practice focuses on many aspects of intellectual property, including patent litigation and prosecution. Peter's practice also includes management of intellectual property portfolios (e.g., patent portfolios), patent licensing, counseling on intellectual property strategies, and intellectual property due diligence in connection with mergers and acquisitions. In addition, Peter not only has extensive knowledge of the requirements and procedures for procurement of intellectual property and enforcement of rights, but he also has an appreciation and understanding of how such intangible assets affect a corporation and strategies for best capitalizing on such assets globally.

Peter's expertise also include domestic and foreign preparation and prosecution of trademarks, and disputes concerning patents, trademarks, and copyrights. Peter regularly counsels clients and renders opinions concerning the patentability of ideas, infringement/non-infringement of patents, the validity/invalidity of patents, and the design of products and processes to avoid potential infringement assertions.

Regarding his prosecution experience, Peter's experience encompasses a vast range of electrical and electromechanical technologies. His prosecution experience also encompasses a wide range of mechanical technologies, medical devices, business methods, chemical and material technologies, and proper protection of functionality associated with software. He has prepared and prosecuted hundreds of patents in these areas of technology and related areas.

Key Cases

- Patent counsel for patent litigation matters in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, the Eastern District of Texas, and the Southern District of California.
- IP counsel to one of the top international designers and manufacturers of high performance audio systems.
- Successfully defended multiple clients against non-practicing entities (patent trolls) without full litigation expense and without licensing.
- Prevented patent litigation multiple times by successfully proving invalidity of patents being enforced.
- Counsel to numerous start-ups and small businesses with respect to various intellectual property issues, including protection of technology with patents, trademarks, and copyrights.
- Handled full intellectual property portfolio consolidation for multiple international corporations, including management of all foreign law firms, to minimize intellectual property expenditure and provide ease in management.



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- Guided redesign of many products to avoid potential infringement of issued patents.
- Preparation and prosecution of patent applications for one of the premiere educational institutions in electrical engineering.
- Assisted one of the largest semiconductor manufacturers in the world with expanding their patent portfolio by finding patents focused on a specific technology and negotiating the purchase of certain of these patents.

Practice Areas

- Intellectual Property
- Commercial Contracts
- International Contracts

Admissions

- State of Georgia
- State of New Hampshire
- Supreme Court of the State of Georgia and the State of New Hampshire
- United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- Court of Appeals of the State of Georgia
- United States Patent and Trademark Office
- Intellectual Property Law section of the American Bar Association
- American Intellectual Property Law Association
- Boston Patent Law Association
- New Hampshire Bar Association
- Georgia Bar Association
- Hispanic National Bar Association

Education

- J.D., University of NH School of Law, formerly Franklin Pierce Law Center
- B.S.E.E., State University of New York at Buffalo

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Civic Involvement

- Committee Member, MIT Enterprise Forum®
- Adjunct Professor at Franklin Pierce Law Center (UNH School of Law) in Concord, NH, and assisted in teaching courses at the Tuck and Thayer schools at Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH
- Board Member, Friends of CHAD
- Arthur J. Gajarsa American Inns of Court
- Council Member, Grace Capital Church of God

Awards

- Chambers USA, Intellectual Property
- Best Lawyers in America®, Patent Law
- New England Super Lawyer®, Intellectual Property
- Managing Intellectual Property Magazine IP Star
- 2011 Top Patent Prosecutors by Patent Buddy, Patent Research Review
- 2007 40 Under Forty, New Hampshire Union Leader

Publications

- Increasing Effectiveness of Patents in Patent Litigation
- Burying Fossils: Pruning Patent Portfolios to Decrease Annual Costs & Promote Growth
- Learn more about the importance of accurate venue selection in patent litigation
- NH Legal Perspective: Provisional patent applications are not shortcuts
- Patent Validity Challenges Lead to Supreme Court Review
- NH Legal Perspective: Prior use: Viable defense to alleged patent infringement
- Defeating the Trolls: Prior Use a Viable Defense to Infringement Allegations
- Lawmakers Shine Bright Spotlight on 'Patent Trolls'
- Though Proper Patent Marking Is A Vital IP Strategy, Improper Patent Marking Can Be A Costly Exercise
- Offering An Invention For Sale Can Result In A Loss Of Potential Patent Rights
- New Patent Rules: When No Change Is Newsworthy