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### PRACTICE AREAS

Business Transactions and  
Counseling

Startups and Emerging  
Companies

Intellectual Property

Based in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Christopher Voci's practice centers on helping companies with their patent, trademark, copyright and software issues in Iowa and Western Pennsylvania. As part of this, Mr. Voci prepares software license agreements, trademark, copyright and patent license agreements, national and international distribution agreements, prepares and prosecutes trademarks in the U.S. and internationally and prepares and prosecutes patents in many technologies in the U.S. and internationally. He also provides litigation support for cases involving software and intellectual property matters, typically defending clients against claims of trademark, copyright or patent infringement. Mr. Voci counsels clients on proper response to security breaches and other privacy breaches.

**U.S. Trademark Protection.** Mr. Voci represents clients in front of the US Trademark Office in all aspects of the application and registration process as well as counseling clients on navigating the selection and use of trademarks in the marketplace. Mr. Voci negotiates with opposing parties to satisfactorily resolve client's trademark disputes.

**U.S. Patent Prosecution.** Mr. Voci represents clients in front of the US Patent Office in all aspects of patent practice, with an emphasis on the preparation and prosecution of patent applications. Mr. Voci has a wide range of technological expertise including chemical and mechanical technologies.

**Foreign Patent Prosecution.** Mr. Voci has significant experience in counseling clients on how to select where to file foreign patent applications, including utilizing effective strategies for maximizing coverage while minimizing cost.

**Intellectual Property Strategy.** Mr. Voci counsels clients in methods of using intellectual property assets to both defend against competitors on the one hand and to use against competitors on the other hand. Defending against competitors with intellectual property may include pre-emptive patenting or publication or design around activities. Using

intellectual property against competitors may include analyzing current and future trends in the marketplace as well as the competitors' patenting activities to understand the direction the competitor is headed. Further, trademarks, copyrights, software licenses, employment agreements and non-compete agreements also offer methods to give the client an edge in the market place.

## Bar Admissions

- State of Pennsylvania, 2016
- State of Iowa, 2007
- State of Michigan, 2001
- State of New York, 2000
- US Patent & Trademark Office, 1999

## Education

- Franklin Pierce Law Center, Concord, NH, JD, 1999
- University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, BS, with high honors, 1995
  - Chemistry

## Professional & Community Affiliations

### Professional Memberships

- Iowa State Bar Association
- American Intellectual Property Law Association

### Community Involvement

- Friends of Hickory Hill Park
  - Board of Directors, Former Chair
- Iowa City Cedar Rapids Chamber of Commerce's Community Leadership Program Graduate, 2009