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Overview

Colin Turner applies his extensive knowledge and experience in patent, trademark, copyright, and trade secret matters to help clients protect their most valuable intellectual property (IP), avoid the IP rights of others, and defend against claims of infringement and misappropriation. He has extensive experience representing clients in patent, trademark, trade dress, trade secret, and copyright litigation in federal courts throughout the U.S. and before the administrative tribunals within the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Colin's patent practice covers a variety of different mechanical and chemical inventions with a specific focus on consumer products and industrial processes and equipment. His trademark practice includes managing international trademark portfolios and counseling clients on the adoption, use, and registration of valuable trademark assets.

Having begun his career as a full-time civil litigation defense attorney for hundreds of cases involving professional malpractice, insurance coverage, products liability, premises liability, personal injury, and workers' compensation, Colin is well-versed in managing every aspect of his cases and is highly adaptable to new subject matter. That comprehensive background combined with his natural legal acumen in patent and trademark prosecution and counseling sets him apart as a trusted, highly sought-after IP practitioner and litigator.

Education

- University of Arkansas at Little Rock, William H. Bowen School of Law, 2009 (J.D.), *with honors*
- University of Arkansas, 2005 (B.S.), *cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- Missouri
- Texas
- Tennessee (inactive)

- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court for the District of Nebraska
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas

Community Involvement

- Midwest Innocence Project, Pro Bono Attorney

Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers in America*, Ones to Watch, 2025
- *Mid-South Super Lawyers*, Rising Stars, 2012–2013, 2022–2023

Memberships

- American Intellectual Property Law Association
- The Missouri Bar
- Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association
- Lawyers Association of Kansas City

Related Experience

- Served as the first chair defender of a natural gas fuel management company in a patent dispute involving five patents.
- Served as the first chair prosecutor of a patent dispute on behalf of an engineering firm.
- Served as the first chair defender of clients in software and trade secret disputes.
- Served as the first chair defender of a bank in a trademark cancellation proceeding before the TTAB.
- Leads trademark enforcement efforts on behalf of famous manufacturers of keepsakes, collectibles, and art supplies.
- Served as the first chair prosecutor on behalf of The Kroger Co. in IPR proceeding and defense counsel in related litigation in the Eastern District of Texas. Obtained a ruling from the PTAB that there was a reasonable likelihood that all challenged claims would be shown invalid. The parties reached a settlement shortly thereafter. *The Kroger Co., MGPI Processing, Inc., and MGP Ingredients, Inc. v. Healthy Fiber, LLC*, IPR No. 2018-00824
- Obtained a \$2.7 million verdict of patent infringement that the court increased by fifty percent due to the jury's finding of willful infringement. *Cobalt Boats, LLC v. Sea Ray Boats, Inc., and Brunswick Corp.*, Eastern District of Virginia, 2017
- Successfully defended a patent owner against challenges to the validity of claims of the patent. *Brunswick Corp. & Sea Ray Boats, Inc. v. Cobalt Boats, LLC*, IPR No. 2015-01060 (P.T.A.B.)

- Represented a famous restaurant brand in federal court in a trademark, trade dress, and copyright infringement suit brought against another restaurant operator and obtained a settlement.
- Obtained a favorable settlement for a well-known chemical company in a patent dispute.
- Defended a music publisher in a lawsuit against claims of trademark and copyright infringement and obtained a settlement, part of which included the entry of judgment in favor of his client as to its related counterclaims.
- Defended a national online retailer in a lawsuit against claims of copyright and trademark infringement and obtained a settlement.
- Managed a major sporting goods company's trademark enforcement program to protect well-known brands.