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Bio

Christian is an intellectual property attorney with an industry background in software and multimedia development. His practice includes patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret, and contract matters, including securing IP protection, litigating IP disputes, and counseling on IP strategy, infringement, invalidity, freedom to operate, and due diligence.

Christian handles cases before various U.S. District Courts, appeals before the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and the Patent Trials and Appeal Board (PTAB), and post-grant procedures before the PTAB, including inter partes reviews.

Much of Christian's work involves handling patent and copyright law issues arising in software and electrical technologies, although he has experience in a variety of fields. His work with representative technologies includes encryption, video/image processing, mobile applications and devices, network security, e-commerce, block chain, virtualization, video games, casino games, plumbing equipment, business methods, medical devices, circuits, optics, mechanical devices, as well as chemical solutions and processes. Prior to becoming an attorney, Christian was a software developer focusing on e-commerce applications and interactive media and games.

Christian serves as an adjunct professor at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, where he teaches Patent Law. He also frequently lectures on intellectual property issues for continuing legal education (CLE) classes, technology/trade organizations, and in-house counsel.

Bar Admissions and Licensure

Pennsylvania
United States Patent and Trademark Office

Education

University of Pittsburgh School of Law, 2011, J.D.
Certificate in Intellectual Property and Technology Law

- cum laude
- Order of Barristers
- Pittsburgh Intellectual Property Law Association Student Leadership Award, 2011
- Samuelson/Glushko Fellowship in Intellectual Property and Technology, 2011
- Law Review, web editor
- Journal of Technology, Law and Policy, research editor
- Jurist, senior editor

American University, 2004
B.S. in Computer Science
ACM Programming Competition Team

Main Practice Areas:

Patent Innovation
Trademark & Copyright
Litigation

Industries Served:

Patent Innovation: Mechanical
Patent Innovation: Electrical
Patent Innovation: Information Technology

Recent Publications:

Mural Rights: Establishing Standing for Communities Under American Moral Rights Laws, 10 PGH. J. Tech. L. & Pol'y (2010)

Alice's Inventive Concept, JURIST-Hotline (July 7, 2014)

The Risks of Crowdsourcing Creative Needs, TEQ Magazine (2015)

Speaking Engagements:

Patent Law Update – Internet Law Update 2012 CLE, PBI, Pittsburgh, PA

Course Planner and Presenter – Essentials of Copyright 2013, 2015 CLE, PBI, Pittsburgh, PA

Software and Section 101 – Hot Topics in Patent Law 2015 CLE, PBI, Philadelphia, PA

Subject Matter Eligibility – Internet Law Update 2013 CLE, PBI, Pittsburgh, PA

The America Invents Act – Internet Law Update 2012 CLE, PBI, Pittsburgh, PA