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Professional Overview

Kyle Yarberry is an IP practitioner who focuses his practice on obtaining patents for individual inventors, growing companies, and Fortune 100 clients alike, both in the U.S. and abroad. Focused on outcomes, Kyle has successfully obtained utility and design patents claiming mechanical and electromechanical technologies, including in difficult cases after taking over from prior counsel after extensive and unsuccessful prosecution. Kyle's legal experience also includes briefing, arguing, and winning the outright dismissal of a trademark case in federal district court. Additionally, Kyle has supported patent and copyright litigation in district court and numerous *inter partes* review proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB). He also prepares freedom-to-operate and validity opinions with respect to utility and design patents. Representative technologies include aviation systems, medical devices, semiconductors, unmanned aerial vehicles, toys, cosmetic devices, performance footwear, electronic cigarettes, consumer electronics, lawn equipment, mechanical and inflatable amusements, automotive assemblies, motorcycle accessories, valves, connected refrigeration systems, and mining equipment.

Prior to becoming an attorney, Kyle worked in the finance industry, providing lending services to clients in the energy sector, with particular focus on upstream, midstream, and downstream oil and gas companies. From his experience in finance and law, Kyle understands that clients often view IP assets as a means to achieve commercial objectives, and he works with clients to achieve the best legal outcome consistent with the client's business goals.

Kyle received his B.S. degree, *cum laude*, in mechanical engineering and mathematics from Southern Methodist University, and earned his J.D. degree, with a Certificate of Merit in trademark law, from the University of Michigan Law School. Kyle is also a patented inventor, holding two U.S. patents in the field of mechanical engineering.

Education



- J.D., University of Michigan
Law School, 2016
- B.S., *cum laude*, Mechanical Engineering and Mathematics, Southern Methodist University, 2008

Professional Experience

- Christensen O'Connor Johnson Kindness^{PLLC}
Seattle, WA, 2018 - present
- Brinks Gilson & Lione
Chicago, IL, 2016 – 2018
Law Clerk, Ann Arbor, MI, 2015 – 2016
- Michael Best & Friedrich LLP
Summer Associate, Milwaukee, WI, 2014 and 2015
- Boyle Fredrickson SC
Summer Associate, Milwaukee, WI, 2014
- Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation
Associate, Energy Group, Houston, TX, 2009 – 2013
- Robert W. Baird & Co.
Analyst, Wireless Services Equity Research, Dallas, TX, 2008 - 2009

Bar & Court Admissions

- Illinois State Bar
- Washington State Bar
- United States Patent and Trademark Office

Professional Affiliations

- American Intellectual Property Law Association

Patents

- U.S. Patent No. 9,968,032: Cutting Head Array for Mowing Pivotaly; Yarberry, K.E.
- U.S. Patent No. 8,950,772: Lightweight Cantilever Bicycle Frame; Yarberry, K.E.