



Intellectual property attorney Scott Simmonds advises on IP acquisition and strategy. He works with business clients to identify the strengths, weaknesses and opportunities of their portfolios, navigate the shifting legal landscape to create significant and enforceable properties, and maximize revenue-generating initiatives designed to monetize valuable IP.

As a leader, Scott serves on the firm's Management Committee. As a practitioner, Scott counsels clients on the protection and development of intellectual property assets in view of their business goals. Scott also prepares and prosecutes patent applications through the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). Scott is known for his experience in creating the strategies his clients need to succeed in their respective markets. Having been involved in patent portfolio development and management for a wide range of businesses, Scott knows how to tap the right resources for those he serves.

Scott works directly with inventors, executives and in-house counsel to cultivate the novel and often highly specific differentiators of a given technology or innovation in an effort to increase the value of his client's patent portfolio. He is also regularly involved in negotiating licensing agreements, conducting freedom to operate analyses, and providing due diligence support for mergers and acquisitions. Clients and colleagues alike appreciate Scott's ability to frame their critical IP assets within their bigger picture objectives.

Scott joined the firm after spending more than a decade as an engineer working in the design and manufacture of medical devices and patient-handling equipment. As a result, he offers multidimensional business experience that ranges from planning and development to budgeting and staffing. His business experience and education help him to understand client concerns from their distinct perspective.

He has experience with technologies such as:

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EDUCATION

Indiana University-Indianapolis, (J.D.), 2004

University of Cincinnati, (M.B.A.), 1995

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, (B.S.), 1991

BAR ADMISSIONS

Indiana

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana

LANGUAGES

English

PRACTICES

Emerging Companies and Venture Capital

Intellectual Property

International IP

IP Strategy and Management

Licensing

Opinions

Patent Litigation

Patent Services - Counseling and Prosecution

Post-Grant and Inter Partes Review

- Hospital beds and patient-handling equipment
- Controls systems for electro-mechanical systems
- Refrigeration systems and controls
- Aircraft engines
- Concrete working equipment
- Dental appliances
- Surgical support systems
- Neural networks
- Hydraulic transmissions

Scott focuses on providing the legal solutions that make sense for his client's specific business and operations. He is at his best when supporting creativity, problem-solving and helping his clients succeed.

Professional and Community Involvement

Former board chairman (2014-2017) and former board of trustees member (2007-2017), Decatur County Memorial Hospital

Member, American Intellectual Property Association

Member, Indianapolis Bar Association

Member, S. Jay Plager Intellectual Property American Inn of Court

Member, Indiana State Bar Association

Board member, Hospital Foundation of Decatur County

Honors

Indiana Super Lawyers Rising Star, 2014

The Best Lawyers in America, 2021-2024

Software and Technology Transactions

Technology Transactions

INDUSTRIES

Agriculture and Food