



With a reputation for having an in-depth understanding of his client's businesses and their technologies, Darrick Hooker is a counselor and a litigator who routinely advises clients on a variety of intellectual property issues, with a focus on patents. He also helps protect clients' trade secrets, trademarks, and copyrights and has a thriving commercial litigation and entertainment law practice.

Darrick strives to help his clients identify and manage their global IP assets. He is able to do this successfully as a result of his deep transactional and litigation experience, including but not limited to, the medical device, pharmaceutical, health care, computer software, chemical, mechanical device, industrial, renewable energy, utility, mechanical engineering, and automotive and transportation industries.

Darrick assists his clients with licensing, risk assessment and management, internal governance, compliance, and due diligence investigations in connection with licensing transactions, mergers and acquisitions. He brings particular strength where intellectual property portfolio acquisitions involve issues of licensing and "freedom to practice" analyses of products, methods, and packaging. This includes conducting patent landscape investigations, and opinion work such as patentability, validity, non-infringement, and freedom-to-operate opinions.

He is also skilled in conducting initial case evaluation and assessment, developing case and trial strategy and settlement options, managing all phases of discovery, as well as with Markman hearings, trial, and post-trial proceedings and appeal.

As a commercial litigator, Darrick represents clients in matters involving complex cybersecurity, product liability and premises liability, along with breach of commercial agreements. In the entertainment sphere, he advises on intellectual property, licensing and other contract rights, publishing rights, rights of publicity, and branding issues.

Professional and Community Involvement

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EDUCATION

Indiana University Maurer School of Law, (J.D.), Order of Barristers, managing editor of Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies, 2000

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, (B.S./B.A), Chemistry/Latin, 1997

BAR ADMISSIONS

Illinois

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

COURT ADMISSIONS

Illinois Supreme Court

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

U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois

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

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

LANGUAGES

English

PRACTICES

Copyright Litigation

Copyrights

Board of directors, Black Entertainment and Sports Lawyers Association

Board of directors, Free Spirit Media

Board of directors, Institute for Science Education & Technology Board of Directors

Board of directors, Firehouse Community Arts Center

Member, Indiana University Maurer School of Law Intellectual Property Advisory Board

Member, American Intellectual Property Law Association

Member, American Bar Association

Fellow, Chicago Bar Association Minority Legal Education Resource Program

Leadership Greater Chicago

Former board of directors, Centers for New Horizons

Honors

The Best Lawyers in America, 2024

Lawyers of Color, Nation’s Best Honoree, 2019

Illinois Super Lawyers, 2023-2024; Rising Star, 2012-2014

Chicago Daily Law Bulletin, 40 Under Forty, 2014

Who’s Who in Black Chicago, Chicago’s Counselors at Law, 2010

Stakeholder 100 Academy, 2007

Data Security and Privacy

Intellectual Property

International IP

IP Strategy and Management

Licensing

Litigation

Mergers and Acquisitions - Intellectual Property

Patent Litigation

Patent Services - Counseling and Prosecution

Post-Grant and Inter Partes Review

Technology Transactions

Trade Dress

Trade Secret Litigation

Trade Secrets

Trademark Litigation and Unfair Competition

Trademark Oppositions and Cancellations

Trademarks

INDUSTRIES

Life Sciences