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BAR ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia

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INDUSTRY EXPERTISE

Medical Devices

Financial Services and Insurance

Consumer Products

Alternative Energy

Media, Video Game and Entertainment

Homeland Security

Information Technology, Computer
Hardware, Software &
Telecommunications

ADMISSIONS

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

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal
Circuit

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

EDUCATION

J.D., IP Law Track, George Mason
University School of Law, 1997

B.S., Electrical Engineering, *cum laude*,
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State
University, 1989

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Ralph Albrecht, a registered patent lawyer is a founding partner of ATFirm PLLC, and previously Albrecht Tousi & Farnum PLLC. Mr. Albrecht is a former AMLAW 100 firm partner, and former co-chair of the Patent Prosecution practice group at Venable LLP. Mr. Albrecht was previously with Lane, Aitken, & McCann LLP and Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox PLLC. Albrecht counsels client businesses in litigating, licensing, and procuring patents. He is experienced at building worldwide patent portfolios for clients across the US and worldwide. Mr. Albrecht procures patent protection on inventions related to medical devices, consumer products, information technology, e-commerce, business methods, business exchanges, computer software, hardware, voice and data communications, wireless, financial services processes, and storage management technologies. His practice is focused on licensing, litigation, preparation, prosecution, and foreign filing of patent applications for clients worldwide, in the US and abroad. Mr. Albrecht counsels high-tech clients with respect to developing and licensing IP portfolios, prepares IP audits, IP management programs, validity and infringement opinions, and performs technology due diligence investigations.

Mr. Albrecht counsels various startup, emerging and large national and international clients in procuring and licensing intellectual property and litigating disputes related to intellectual property. Prior to private practice in intellectual property law Mr. Albrecht worked for over eight years at IBM Corporation in various positions in research & development, marketing and technical sales.

ACTIVITIES

Mr. Albrecht was named an American Bar Foundation Fellow in 2009 and is a Past President and Fellow of the Bar Association of the District of Columbia (BADC), was President 2008-2009, President-Elect 2007-2008, Treasurer-Elect 2006-2007, Secretary 2005-2006, and Chair of the BADC's Patent, Trademark & Copyright (PTC) Section from 2003-2004. Mr. Albrecht served on the Executive Council for the BADC PTC Section from 2000-2005, for which he earned an Outstanding Service Award in 2000 and 2002, and has served as Chair of the Internet and Electronic Commerce Committee, as well as the Newsletter Committee. He is a member of the American Bar Association (ABA) and the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA). Mr. Albrecht has been a member of Capitol Telecommunications Professionals, and a service provider to members of the International Game Developers' Association (IGDA) and the Electronic Software Association (ESA). Mr. Albrecht is a member of IPO and sat on the Software and Business Methods Committee. He has also served as a legal services provider to a

MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association

American Intellectual Property Law Association

Bar Association of the District of Columbia

Intellectual Property Owners Association

technology business incubator eHive.

REPRESENTATIVE IP LITIGATIONS

Representative litigation matters have included:

- *Advanced Processor Technologies, LLC v. Analog Devices et al.* (E.D. TX). Represent plaintiff in patent infringement action relating to virtual memory and processor technology patents.
- *Wireless Recognition Technologies, LLC v. A9.com, Inc., et al.* (E.D. TX). Represent plaintiff in patent infringement actions relating to visual search recognition technology patents.
- *Network Gateway Solutions, LLC v. Adtran, Inc. et al.* (D. Del.). Represented defendants Media5 Corporation and Mediatrix Telecom, Inc., Voice-over-IP (VoIP) telecommunications equipment manufacturers, in a matter alleging infringement of plaintiff's digital network access server patent.
- *Morningware, Inc v. Hearthware Home Products, Inc.* (N.D. Ill.). Represent counter-plaintiff in action involving infringement of patents directed to cookware technology, trade dress infringement, and unfair competition under the Lanham Act, common law unfair competition, and commercial disparagement and deceptive trade practices under state law.
- *Telarix v. Vero Systems/TEOCO* (E.D. Va.). Represented computer software company as defendant in a patent infringement suit involving computer software relating to optimal cost routing in telecommunication networks.
- *Agere Systems v. Proxim, Inc.* (D. Del.). Represented plaintiff in infringement action concerning patents related to wireless technology under IEEE 802.11 standard.

HONORS

- American Bar Foundation Fellow

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Institute for Quantitative Research in Finance (Q-Group) Spring 2008 Conference relating to Financial Services Industry Business Method Patents.

PUBLICATIONS

Representative publications include:

- Cameron H. Tousi and Ralph P. Albrecht, *Do Business Method Patents Hurt or Help? A Financial Industry Perspective*, 14 VA. J.L. & TECH. 147 (2009).