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Of Counsel

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Shawn Sentilles offers clients more than 25 years of experience with intellectual property litigation, patent and trademark prosecution, trade secret protection, intellectual property licensing and due diligence.

Mr. Sentilles provides broad insight when representing clients in intellectual property litigation, patent and trademark prosecution, trade secret protection, intellectual property licensing and due diligence.

Prior to joining the Firm, Mr. Sentilles served as in-house patent counsel at a multi-national publicly-traded medical device company, where he oversaw intellectual property litigation, patent and trademark prosecution, trade secret protection, intellectual property clearance, acquisitions and divestitures, licensing and health care compliance. He played a leading role in helping the company successfully comply with a Deferred Prosecution Agreement.

Representative Matters

- Developed and managed an intellectual property portfolio for a multi-national publicly traded orthopedic-device company, ultimately contributing to the divestiture of a large part of the business.
- Managed intellectual property litigation and patent and trademark portfolios on a global basis, with exposure to legal systems in Europe, Asia, Australia and South America.
- Gained significant experience in health care compliance while at a medical device company, including investigations by the Department of Justice and the Office of Inspector General.
- Experienced with fair-market value valuations for payment of royalties in the context of health care fraud and abuse.

Professional Honors & Activities

- Executive Council – Tennessee Bar Association, Intellectual Property Law Section (2017 – present)
- Advisory Council – Legal Assistance Volunteers for Patent Applicants, Tennessee (2017 – 2018)

Publications

- "Implementing a Royalty Review Program: Safe Practices for Medical Device Manufacturers and Design Surgeons," *Medical Society Quarterly* (Spring 2016)
- "Recent Developments in Intellectual Property Law," Sixth Circuit Decisions, *ABA Business Law Section* (2003 – 2004)
- "Recent Developments in Intellectual Property Law," Fifth Circuit Decisions, *ABA Business Law Section* (1997, 1999 – 2002)
- "Recent Developments in Intellectual Property Law," *Louisiana Bar Journal* (1998 – 2000)

Speaking Engagements

- "Trade Secrets," Tennessee Bar Association, IP Section (July 2020)
- "Patent Reform: A Whole New World," Hot Topics in IP CLE seminar (2013)
- "Corporate IP Practice," Hot Topics in IP CLE seminar (2012)
- "Royalty Based Fair Market Value and Anti-Kickback Lessons," 4th Annual Medical Device and Life Sciences Conference (2012)



Education

- Tulane Law School, J.D., 1991
- Tulane University, B.S., 1987



Admissions

- Tennessee, 2003
- U.S. Patent Office, 1994