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OVERVIEW

Patrick Richards is a partner in the firm's Chicago office. He is a member of the IP procurement and portfolio management practice group. Patrick works with his clients to find the best strategies for protecting their inventions, distinguishing their brands, and building their businesses.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Patrick founded his own law firm and co-founded a medical device software company, focusing on the development and commercialization of software that powers hearing aids, cochlear implants, and other neuromodulation devices.

Patrick is also an adjunct professor at the Northwestern Pritzker School of Law in the NUvention Medical course. This course focuses on interdisciplinary experiential learning that walks student teams through the steps associated with bringing a medical innovation to the patient, spanning product innovation and development, intellectual property, regulatory, and business development issues.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Illinois Super Lawyer Rising Star, 2012-2015
- Emerging Lawyer by Leading Lawyers, 2015
- Peer Rated as AV Preeminent by peers through Martindale-Hubble
- Client Rated as 5.0 Preeminent by clients through Martindale-Hubble

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Adjunct professor, Pritzker Northwestern School of Law
- American Intellectual Property Law Association
- Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago

- Chicago Bar Association
- Illinois State Bar Association

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Virginia School of Law, 2000
- B.S.C.E., University of Illinois, 1997 *honors*

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Illinois
- United States Patent and Trademark Office

NEWS & EVENTS

- 26 August 2020, *The Legal Intelligencer*: 'Constantly at Capacity,' Chicago IP Boutique Founder Jumps to K&L Gates (*Media Mention*)
- 26 August 2020, K&L Gates Continues Growth of Intellectual Property Practice with Addition of Chicago Team (*Press Release, Practice & Regional News*)

MEDIA MENTIONS

- It takes more than a law degree to grow your own firm, *Chicago Lawyer Magazine*

AREAS OF FOCUS

- IP Procurement and Portfolio Management