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OVERVIEW

William Kuss' practice involves all phases of intellectual property law relating to domestic and foreign intellectual property assets, particularly in the areas of patent and trademark procurement, portfolio management, and counseling. He focuses on patent and trademark prosecution and acquisition, licensing, clearance, and enforcement and is experienced with day-to-day counseling of large patent and trademark portfolios. William also represents emerging companies and assists in their development of all related IP matters to increase corporate IP assets and value. William's practice also embraces the preparation of freedom-to-operate, patentability, and validity opinions, the transfer and licensing of intellectual property assets, as well as merger and acquisition-related due diligence and counseling.

William's technical emphasis has particular focus in the chemical, biochemical, electrochemical, and mechanical arts. As an experienced chemical engineer, examples of his technical concentration include polymerization and polymer processing, particularly relating to commercial films and molded articles for commercial products, 3D printing, nanotechnology and processing methods, organic coatings and resins, particularly relating to paints and stains, polyurethane and polycarbonate technologies and their related articles, electrically conductive polymers, photovoltaic (solar) technologies, rigid foams, polymer catalysts and additives, and semiconductor processing. William also represents clients with a technical focus in biotechnology, gene editing, stem cell technologies, medicinal drug delivery, food science, sterilization systems, metal alloy chemistry, and oil and gas production.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining K&L Gates, William served as a senior project engineer and production manager at a Fortune 100 company where he was responsible for overseeing facility operation. He also worked in the government sector as a technical consultant in matters of federal and state regulations.

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Allegheny County Bar Association
- American Bar Association

- American Institute of Chemical Engineers
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Pittsburgh Intellectual Property Law Association

EDUCATION

- J.D., Duquesne University School of Law
- B.S., University of Pittsburgh, *(Chemical Engineering)*

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Pennsylvania
- United States Patent and Trademark Office
- United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

NEWS & EVENTS

- 20 August 2026, Nearly 300 K&L Gates Lawyers Recognized Among 2027 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch

AREAS OF FOCUS

- IP Procurement and Portfolio Management
- IP Litigation
- Technology Transactions and Sourcing