



Patent Prosecution

The patent prosecution team at Williams Mullen includes highly-skilled attorneys with technical degrees and, in some instances, industry experience, all of whom are admitted to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office. We prosecute domestic and international patents related to a broad range of high-tech innovations all over the world. The patent group's strength comes from the diverse skill set of its members. We routinely conduct novelty, validity and patentability assessments, design-around and product clearance analyses, invalidity and infringement investigations and intellectual property audits for due diligence and asset management programs.

As part of our approach to portfolio management, we routinely provide a number of services to our clients that help manage risk and optimize value. These services include targeted patent watch services, legal updates, portfolio reviews for patent term extensions based on changes in the law, reissue applications to ensure claim validity and filtering out patents that no longer meet the client's business goals and value criteria.

Our intellectual property group also has a robust litigation and post-grant review practice. With experience as counsel to government agencies, businesses and universities, our patent attorneys offer clients a perspective focused on solving real-world business issues and legal challenges.

Technical Areas

- Biotechnology
- Business Information Processing
- Chemistry and Chemical Compounds
- Computer Software and Hardware
- Electronics
- Mechanical Devices, Electro-mechanical Devices, Power Generation
- Medical Devices
- Optical Devices, Photovoltaics
- Veterinary Devices
- Pharmaceuticals
- Refrigeration/De-humidification
- Sensors

- Telecommunications
- Information Networks
- Wireless Infrastructure
- Wireless Devices

Patent Services

- Domestic and Foreign Patent Applications
- Freedom-to Operate and Patentability Analyses
- Confidentiality and Development Agreements
- Government and Technology Transfer
- Intellectual Property Audits
- Invalidity and Infringement Investigations and Opinions
- Litigation and Post-Grant Review Proceedings
- Novelty, Validity and Patent Assessment Searches
- Patent Licensing and Assignment
- Research and Development Contracts

Experience

- National Supplier of stormwater management products

Appeal of Patent Infringement Judgment in United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

Appeared before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit to brief and argue an appeal of a judgment of non-infringement and partial invalidity of patent.

- National Retailer of Discount Variety Goods

Defended National Discount Retailer Against Claims of Copyright, Trade Dress, and Patent Infringement on Paper Punches

Defended national discount retailer against claims of copyright, trade dress, and patent infringement.

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- International Manufacturer of Furniture Products

Defended International Manufacturer of Furniture Products In Patent License Arbitration

Represented outdoor patio furniture manufacturer in arbitration over client's alleged failure to pay royalties, pursuant to a patent license agreement between the parties.

- National Wireless Carrier

Defended National Wireless Carrier in Patent Infringement Case

Defended client in patent infringement case involving the same patents previously asserted against the manufacturer of the "Blackberry" device.

- National Manufacturer of Food Products

Defended National Manufacturer of Food Products Against Claims of Patent Infringement

Williams Mullen was lead counsel in patent case filed in New Jersey federal court in which client was accused of infringing a patent covering cholesterol-lowering use of palm-oil based chemical composition.

- Defended National Retailer Against Patent Infringement Claims

Served as counsel in a patent infringement case brought in Los Angeles federal court. The accused product was manufactured in China and Williams Mullen litigated the case all the way through discovery, Markman claim construction proceedings, and summary judgment. Case settled immediately prior to trial.

- Broadband Communications and Entertainment Company

Defended Southeastern Communications Company Against Patent Infringement Claims

Served as local counsel for broadband communications company-client against allegations by competitor of patent infringement related to Voice Over Internet Protocol.

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- National Supplier of Stormwater Management Products

Defended Validity of Patent in an Infringement Lawsuit

Represented client in litigation involving claims that competitor's product infringed client's patent. Representation included conducting Markman claim construction proceedings, expert discovery and fact witness depositions. Following re-examination of client's patent, which upheld validity of most claims of the patent, the competitor redesigned the accused product and the parties negotiated a settlement.

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Jury Trial of Patent Infringement Case

Williams Mullen was lead counsel in jury trial of patent infringement case. Litigation occurred in the "Rocket Docket" in the Eastern District of Virginia.

- Individual Inventor

Represented Former President of a Company in Claims for Back Pay, Ownership of Company and Patents and Inventions

Pursued back pay claims and claims for ownership of company and various patents and inventions on behalf of former President of company.

- Manufacturer of Pool Toys and Aquatic Products

Represented Manufacturer of Aquatic Toys in Design Patent Infringement Claims

Filed suit for design patent infringement and trade dress infringement of two aquatic toy products, including an underwater skateboard and a spring float.

Related News

- [A New Patent Shield? House Bill Introduces ?Anti-Patent Troll? Legislation](#)
- [Battle Plans: Patents in the Financial Services Industry](#)
- [The Joinder Provision in the Patent Reform Act: Leveling the Playing Field Against Multi-Defendant NPE Suits](#)
- [Planning for the First to File](#)
- [Changes in Pre-Grant and Post-Grant Challenges at the U.S. Patent Office \(USPTO\)](#)
- [Walker Digital Enters the Game: Recent Trend of Patent Infringement Suits Against Activision, Blizzard, Microsoft, Electronic Arts and other Video Game Companies](#)

- Rob Van Arnham Quoted in Law360 Article About Patent Trolls
- Eric W. Adcock Joins Williams Mullen
- René A. Vazquez Joins Williams Mullen in McLean, VA
- Williams Mullen Announces Election of New Partners
- 100 Williams Mullen Attorneys Named 2014 Best Lawyers in America
- Williams Mullen Named in Corporate Counsel Magazine's 'Go-To Law Firms' List for 2014
- 100 Williams Mullen Attorneys Named 2015 Best Lawyers in America
- Supreme Court Cuts Out a Slice of the Federal Circuit's De Novo Pie
- Electrical Engineering Patent Attorney Andrew R. Shores Joins Williams Mullen's IP Team
- Divided Federal Circuit Says U.S.I.T.C. May Exclude Indirectly Infringing Items
- 106 Williams Mullen Attorneys named 2016 Best Lawyers in America
- 15 Williams Mullen Attorneys Named 2016 'Lawyers of the Year' by The Best Lawyers in America
- Mike Sajovec Brings Nearly 30 Years of Intellectual Property Experience to Williams Mullen
- Dr. Rebecca Hammond Joins Williams Mullen's Intellectual Property Practice
- In Halo Electronics v. Pulse Electronics, Supreme Court Strikes Down Seagate Test for Enhanced Damages Under Section 284 of the Patent Act.
- Biosimilar 'Patent Dance' Does Not Permit Sidestepping of 180-Day Notice
- Intellectual Property Attorney Andy Kozusko Moves South to Williams Mullen
- 100 Williams Mullen Attorneys Named 2017 Best Lawyers in America
- Williams Mullen Ranked Nationally in 15 Legal Practices by U.S. News 'Best Lawyers' Best Law Firms' 2017
- Back to the Future: Supreme Court Narrows Patent Venue in TC Heartland Case and Returns Dispute to State of Incorporation or Where Defendant Has Regular and Established Place of Business
- 114 Williams Mullen Attorneys Listed in The Best Lawyers in America 2018
- Williams Mullen Ranked Nationally in 14 Practice Areas by U.S. News 'Best Lawyers' Best Law Firms' 2018
- Williams Mullen Welcomes Three Associates in Richmond
- Josh Brady Named 2018 Client Choice Award Winner for Patent Law in Virginia
- Williams Mullen Adds IP Attorney Jackie Knapp in Raleigh
- 110 Williams Mullen Attorneys Listed in Latest Edition of The Best Lawyers in America
- Williams Mullen Adds Patent Attorney Clint Brannon to Intellectual Property Practice
- PTAB Adopts Phillips Claim Construction Standard for AIA Challenges
- Williams Mullen Ranked Nationally in 15 Practice Areas by U.S. News 'Best Lawyers' Best Law Firms' 2019
- Williams Mullen Adds Dr. Doug Tsao to Intellectual Property Team
- 11 Williams Mullen Attorneys Named to 2019 North Carolina Super Lawyers List; Keith Kapp and

Elizabeth Scott Named to Top Lists

- 30 Williams Mullen Attorneys, 12 Practice Areas Recognized in Chambers USA 2019
- PTAB Designates as Precedential 2014 Decision Governing Communications with Counsel During Deposition
- 119 Williams Mullen Attorneys Listed in 2020 Edition of The Best Lawyers in America©
- 15 Williams Mullen Attorneys Named "Lawyers of the Year" by Best Lawyers®
- Clint Brannon Discusses PTAB's Decision on IPR Depositions with Law360
- PTAB Designates as Informative Two Decisions Regarding Examiners? Use of ?Design Choice? Rationale
- Williams Mullen Nationally Ranked in 13 Practice Areas by U.S. News ? Best Lawyers ?Best Law Firms? 2020
- Intellectual Property Offices Offer Relief Around the World Amid COVID-19 Crisis
- Ten Patent Myths and How They Can Hurt Your Business
- 116 Williams Mullen Attorneys Listed in 2021 Edition of The Best Lawyers in America©; Most Total Lawyers in Virginia
- Williams Mullen Nationally Ranked in Practice Areas by U.S. News ? Best Lawyers ?Best Law Firms? 2021
- Supreme Court Upholds but Narrows Assignor Estoppel: What This Means For Your Company and its Employees
- 13 Williams Mullen Attorneys Named "Lawyers of the Year" by Best Lawyers®
- 124 Williams Mullen Attorneys Listed in 2022 Edition of The Best Lawyers in America©
- PODCAST: Five Popular Misconceptions about Patents
- Williams Mullen Ranked Number Seven in Triangle Business Journal?s Largest Patent Law Firms
- Licensing Your Patents? Make Sure the Federal Government Pays Its Fair Share.
- Janet Cho and Jen McLemore Help Middle School Robotics Team Prepare for Houston Lego Competition
- 123 Williams Mullen Attorneys Listed in 2023 Edition of The Best Lawyers in America©
- Williams Mullen Nationally Ranked in 16 Practice Areas by U.S. News - Best Lawyers ?Best Law Firms? 2023
- Triangle Business Journal Ranks Williams Mullen as the Sixth Largest Patent Law Firm in The Triangle
- Williams Mullen Nationally Ranked in 20 Practice Areas by Best Lawyers® ?Best Law Firms? 2024

Related Events

- 2024 North Carolina CLE Institute, Hosted by Williams Mullen
- CLE Institute 2020
- CLE Institute - Can They Own That? A Summary of the Biggest Patent and Trademark Cases and Trends of 2020.

- Patent Law Year in Review - 2018 IP Institute for Paralegals

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