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Nicholas Trenkle is an attorney in Alexandria where he is a member of the Intellectual Property & Technology Service Group. He is a Registered U.S. Patent Attorney.

Mr. Trenkle's experience includes preparing and prosecuting U.S. patent applications, counseling clients on patent infringement, validity, freedom-to-operate, and licensing issues, collaborating with foreign counsel to achieve client-desired outcomes regarding foreign patent applications, and providing research and counseling concerning matters related to intellectual property litigation.

Mr. Trenkle's patent law experience has involved a broad range of technological arts, including data storage systems and networks, database management systems, distributed computing systems, information security, web services, computer networking, parallel processing, telecommunications, computer telephony applications, data and image analysis, signal processing, embedded systems, electronic circuit design and diagnostics, computer architecture, software architecture, software development, operating systems, dynamic compilation, collaborative software, voice recognition software, graphical user interfaces, optics-and laser-based devices, electrical cabling, power distribution systems, oxygen concentration devices, vehicle control systems, vehicle safety systems, internal combustion engines, fluid mechanics, and exhaust treatment devices. He also has programming experience in C, C++, SQL, HTML, Verilog, VHDL, MATLAB, and various assembly languages.

CAPABILITIES

Practice Areas

- Intellectual Property & Technology
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Media / First Amendment Law
- Patent Prosecution & Protection

RECENT ASSIGNMENTS

- System and Method for Providing a Backup/Restore Interface for Third Party HSM Clients (published as U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 20090249005)
- Efficient Hierarchical Storage Management of a File System with Snapshots (published as U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 20090043978)
- Correlation and Parallelism Aware Materialized View Recommendation for Heterogeneous,
 Distributed Database Systems (published as U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 20090177697)

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- Patent Claims More Vulnerable to Invalidity Attacks After Supreme Court Stites & Harbison,
 PLLC. Stites & Harbison Client Alert, June 4, 2014

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Bar Association
- American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)
- International Technology Law Association (ITechLaw)
- Institute of Electrical And Electronics Engineers

EDUCATION

Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law J.D. 2006

- Cardozo Arts & Entertainment Law Journal, Articles Editor

University of Michigan B.S.E., Computer Engineering 2001

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Prior to joining Stites & Harbison, Mr. Trenkle was an Associate for two years with Cantor Colburn LLP, where he also worked as a Law Clerk. He has also worked as a Judicial Intern for a federal district court judge and a Legal Intern for a production company and distributor of media programming.

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