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David Nagle is a Registered Patent Attorney who has been with the Intellectual Property & Technology Service Group at Stites & Harbison since its inception in 2000. With more than two decades of experience in patent and intellectual property matters and an advanced engineering degree, his knowledge and technical expertise allows him to deftly assist clients in navigating often complex business and legal issues.

David has extensive experience prosecuting domestic and foreign patent applications covering a wide range of subject matter, including machines, consumer products, medical devices, and software-implemented innovations. He also routinely counsels clients on trademark, copyright, and trade secret matters, and he regularly negotiates and prepares licensing agreements and other contracts implicating intellectual property rights. David is recognized as a Certified Licensing Professional (CLPTM), a designation which acknowledges licensing professionals who have demonstrated their experience and proficiency in licensing and the commercialization of intellectual property.

CAPABILITIES

Practice Areas

- Entrepreneurial Services
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Patent Prosecution & Protection
- Trademarks
- Licensing
- Copyrights

- Telecommunications, Technology & Internet Law
- Intellectual Property & Technology
- Manufacturing
- Fiduciary Duty, Trade Secret & Unfair Competition Litigation

RECENT ASSIGNMENTS

- Develops and implements global patent strategies for a multinational company that designs and installs conveyor systems and material handling equipment for customers around the world.
- Serves as outside intellectual property counsel to a leading provider of data and analytics solutions for addressing safety, fraud, risk, and compliance issues for government and commercial enterprises.
- Develops and implements patent strategies for protecting products developed and sold by a leading manufacturer of personal protective equipment and systems.
- Provides patent and trademark counsel to a well-known international manufacturer of commercial kitchen equipment.
- Serves as outside patent counsel to one of the world's leading restaurant companies, developing appropriate patent strategies to protect new food products, food preparation methods, and related equipment.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Kentucky
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky
- United States Patent and Trademark Office

RECENT NEWS, ARTICLES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- [Identifying Inventors is a Critical Step in Pursuing Patent Protection](#)
Stites & Harbison Client Alert, June 22, 2023
- [Europe Continues Progress Toward Unitary Patent and Unified Patent Court](#)
Stites & Harbison Client Alert, March 9, 2022
- [Intellectually Speaking: As more startups come online in Louisville, the need for advice on intellectual property increases — which is where lawyers enter the picture](#)
Louisville Business First, November 24, 2021
- Patents, Trade Secrets, Copyrights, and Trademarks – Selecting the Right Protection for Your Intellectual Property Assets
The Lane Report, Research Kentucky 2018, March 2018 ,with [Terry L. Wright](#)
- [U.S. House of Representatives Continues to Consider Patent Litigation Reform](#)
The Goods, magazine of the Kentucky Association of Manufacturers (KAM), May 2015
- [U.S. House of Representatives Continues to Consider Patent Litigation Reform](#)
Medical News, April 20, 2015
- U.S. House of Representatives Continue to Press for Patent Litigation Reform
Professional Insight, *Business First of Louisville*, March 2, 2015
- Intellectual Property 101: What It Means To You
KyCPA Mega Conference, November 3, 2014
- Patents reserved for select set of restaurant innovations
Business First, by Andrew Robinson, February 14, 2014
- Patents, Copyrights, Trademarks & Venture Capital
Kentucky Bar Association, 16th Annual Issues for Corporate House Counsel Seminar, April 12, 2006
- The Power of Angel Investing
Panelist, University of Louisville School of Business, May 26, 2005
- Lecturer
Kentucky Commercialization & Entrepreneurial Institute, April 19, 2001
- Business Torts
Guest Lecturer, Louis D. Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville, Fall 2000
- Fundamentals of Patent Law
Louisville Bar Association, May 21, 1999

FIRM LEADERSHIP

- Business Acceptance Committee, Member
- Intellectual Property & Technology Service Group, former Co-Chair

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)
- American Bar Association,
 - Section of Intellectual Property Law, Member
- Kentucky Bar Association,
 - IP Law Section, Member
- Louisville Bar Association,
 - Intellectual Property Section, Member
- Licensing Executives Society International
- International Trademark Association

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Holy Trinity Church, Member

EDUCATION

- University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law J.D., 1998
- University of Louisville, Speed Scientific School M.E., with high honors, Mechanical Engineering, 1995
- University of Louisville, Speed Scientific School B.S., with high honors, Mechanical Engineering, 1994

MORE THAN STITES & HARBISON

Prior to joining Stites & Harbison, David was an Associate with Wheat, Smith & Beres, which merged into Stites & Harbison on January 1, 2000. As a mechanical engineering undergraduate, he worked in a generation facility for a major Midwestern utility company. David is an avid sports fan and spends many of his weekends attending college football and basketball games.

ACCOLADES

- *Martindale-Hubbell®* AV-Preeminent® Peer Review Rated
- *Best Lawyers in America®*, Patent Law and Trade Secrets Law (2017-26)
- *Best Lawyers in America®*, Louisville Area Lawyer of the Year in Trade Secrets Law (2023, 2025)
- *Best Lawyers in America®*, Louisville Area Lawyer of the Year in Patent Law (2021)
- *Managing Intellectual Property*, IP Stars (2013-25)
- *Chambers USA*, "America's Leading Lawyers for Business," Intellectual Property (2010-25)
- *Kentucky Super Lawyers®* (2013-26)
- *Kentucky Super Lawyers®*, Top 50 Attorneys in Kentucky (2020, 2022-26)
- *Business First of Louisville*, Forty Under 40 (2009)
- *Louisville Magazine* Top Lawyer (2016)