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David Nagle is a Registered Patent Attorney in the Intellectual Property & Technology Service Group at Stites & Harbison, where he has practiced since the group's inception in 2000. With more than 25 years of experience in patent and intellectual property matters, along with 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 in preparing and prosecuting domestic and foreign patent applications covering a wide range of subject matter, including machines, consumer products, medical devices, and software-implemented innovations. He guides clients through every stage of the patent process, from identifying inventions and filing patent applications to managing global patent portfolios.

In addition to his patent work, David regularly advises clients on trademark, copyright, and trade secret matters. He also frequently prepares and negotiates license agreements and other contracts implicating intellectual property rights, helping businesses protect and maximize the value of their innovations. David is recognized as a Certified Licensing Professional (CLP™), 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

- Manages a global patent and trademark portfolio for a prominent energy and environmental technology company that provides engineering, manufacturing, and construction services to power generation customers.
- Works closely with a leading manufacturer and distributor of farm and ranch products in preparing and negotiating license agreements, supply/distribution agreements, and other agreements that govern its relationships with key commercial partners.
- 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.

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

- Management Committee (2026-present)
- 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 (2017-27)
- *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 (2013-26)
- *Chambers USA*, "America's Leading Lawyers for Business," Intellectual Property (2010-26)
- *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)