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Patrick M. Torre is a Registered Patent Attorney in Stites & Harbison, PLLC's Intellectual Property & Technology Services Group, Lexington office, and is admitted to practice law in Kentucky and before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. His practice focuses on intellectual property protection strategy, including counseling clients on issues of infringement, validity, and patentability, patent drafting, prosecution, and appellate proceedings, trademark prosecution, trade secrets and transfer, and intellectual property licensing.

Pat holds Ph.D. and Master's degrees in Animal Science from the University of Tennessee. Prior to entering the practice of law, he worked in academic research in the areas of animal science, life science, biotechnology, and the intersection of immunology and nutrition. He completed post-doctoral appointments at the USDA Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging (now the Jean Meyer USDA Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging) at Tufts University, Boston MA and at the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Department of Animal Science. After completing law school at the University of Kentucky and prior to entering private practice, he served as in-house IP counsel at Alltech, Inc. in Nicholasville, Kentucky. Pat has over 20 years of legal experience in representing a wide range of clients, including individual inventors, start-ups, University tech transfer offices, and major corporations.

CAPABILITIES

Practice Areas

- Intellectual Property & Technology
- Patent Prosecution & Protection
- Biotechnology/Life Sciences
- Trademarks

- Copyrights

RECENT ASSIGNMENTS

- Served as outside intellectual property counsel for several U.S. universities, private companies, start-ups and early-stage companies, and entrepreneurs.
- Prepared and prosecuted patent applications in a variety of biotechnological, biological, pharmaceutical, computer software, dermatologic, nutraceutical, medical, medical device, and mechanical arts.
- Managed domestic and international patent portfolios and prosecution involving applications and patents in various regions/countries including Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, Europe, India, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Kentucky
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky
- United States Patent and Trademark Office

RECENT NEWS, ARTICLES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- A New Era in Patent Eligibility at the USPTO: An Opportunity for Agritech?
  Stites & Harbison Client Alert, May 27, 2026
- Trade Secrets - A Critical Component of a Business's IP Strategy
  Presenter, KBA Intellectual Property Law Section CLE, February 26, 2026 *,with Warren D. Schickli*
- A New Era in Subject Matter Eligibility at the USPTO?
  Stites & Harbison Client Alert, December 30, 2025
- Potential Changes to Enforcement under the Bayh-Dole Act
  Stites & Harbison Client Alert, November 7, 2025
- Protecting Proprietary Information of a Business
  Bench & Bar, Kentucky Bar Association, May/June 2025
- In Time for Your Halloween Celebration, A Few Spooky Patents
  Kentucky Intellectual Property Alliance (kyipa.org), October 22, 2024

- USPTO Announced Termination of its After Final Consideration Pilot Program 2.0
  Stites & Harbison Client Alert, October 7, 2024
- Protecting Employer Proprietary Information Following the FTC's Ban on Non-Compete Agreements
  Stites & Harbison Client Alert, June 20, 2024
- Copyright Basics
  Kentucky Intellectual Property Alliance (KYIPA) News, March 1, 2024 *,with Trevor T. Graves*
- Trade Secrets Basics
  Kentucky Intellectual Property Alliance (KYIPA) News, March 1, 2024
- USPTO Issues Enablement Guidelines Following Amgen v. Sanofi
  Stites & Harbison Client Alert, January 17, 2024
- Legal Overview of Protecting Client and Business Information
  19th Biennial Business Associations Law Institute, Lexington, KY April 18-19, 2023 *,with Trevor T. Graves*
- Trademark Law Developments in the Metaverse
  Stites & Harbison Client Alert, May 3, 2023
- Scammers are Now Impersonating the USPTO: What You Need to Know
  Stites & Harbison Client Alert, March 6, 2023
- The Twelve Days of I.P. Christmas
  ,with Joel T. Beres, Jeffrey A. Haeberlin, James Hayne, Thomas J. Mihill (TJ), B. Aaron Schulman and Gary N. Stewart (Nick) Stites & Harbison Client Alert, December 14, 2022
- Metaverse 3D Replicas Spark Open Questions Over IP Protections
  by Kelcee Griffis, *Bloomberg Law*, August 15, 2022
- Intellectual Property in the Metaverse
  Stites & Harbison Client Alert, May 31, 2022
- Recent Patent Program Updates by the United States Patent and Trademark Office
  Stites & Harbison Client Alert, February 11, 2022
- Stites & Harbison adds four IP attorneys
  by Haley Cawthon, *KYINNO*, September 27, 2021 *,with Trevor T. Graves, Michael S. Hargis and Warren D. Schickli*
- Stites & Harbison Adds Four IP Attorneys in Kentucky
  by Adrian Cruz, *Law360*, July 19, 2021 *,with Trevor T. Graves, Michael S. Hargis and Warren D. Schickli*
- Intellectual property attorneys join Stites & Harbison
  by staff reporter, *The Lane Report*, July 15, 2021 *,with Trevor T. Graves, Michael S. Hargis and Warren D. Schickli*

MEMBERSHIPS

- Kentucky Bar Association,
  - IP Law Section, Member
  - IP Law Section, CLE Subcommittee
  - IP Law Section, Public and Professional Affairs Committee
- American Bar Association,
  - Health Law Section
- American Intellectual Property Law Association

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Judge, 2025 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office National Patent Application Drafting Competition, Midwest Regional Rounds
- BioTN and Life Science Venture Program, Mentor, March 2023-present

EDUCATION

- University of Kentucky College of Law J.D., 1998
- University of Tennessee at Knoxville Ph.D., Animal Science 1991
- University of Tennessee at Knoxville M.S., 1987
- University of Tennessee at Martin B.S., Agriculture 1984

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Pat was previously with King & Schickli PLLC, a Lexington intellectual property boutique firm. Prior to joining King & Schickli, Pat served as in-house Corporate Counsel to Alltech, Inc.

ACCOLADES

- *Managing Intellectual Property*, IP Stars (2021-24)