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Serving as Chair of the Intellectual Property & Technology Group at the firm, Terry Wright is a Registered Patent Attorney whose practice focuses on designing and implementing intellectual property protection strategies. Terry has extensive experience advising clients ranging from small, privately held companies to multi-national, publicly traded companies. He regularly prepares protection plans for intellectual property associated with consumer goods, medical and other mechanical devices, and life sciences-associated technologies. As part of his practice, Terry routinely focuses on multiple areas of intellectual property protection, including trademark and copyright issues, licensing agreements, and patent-related aspects of intellectual property, such as patent drafting, patent prosecution and counseling clients on infringement, validity and patentability.

Contributing to his practice is a background in life sciences and chemistry, with academic research experience in the areas of cardiovascular biology, molecular and cellular biology, pharmacology, and biotechnology. He also maintains a vast understanding of the mechanical arts and material sciences, including the underlying processes, reactions, and chemical interactions associated with the material sciences field.

CAPABILITIES

Practice Areas

- Biotechnology/Life Sciences
- Clinical Research, Clinical Trials & Risk Management
- Health Care – Life Sciences Technology & Commercialization
- Intellectual Property & Technology
- Intellectual Property Litigation

- Patent Prosecution & Protection
- Entrepreneurial Services
- Manufacturing
- Trademarks

RECENT ASSIGNMENTS

- Counseled companies and Technology Transfer and Licensing Offices of various Universities regarding strategies for protecting patent-based intellectual property.
- Developed a comprehensive patent protection strategy that protected multiple new product lines for a leading visco-elastic foam bedding manufacturer.
- Assisted various research institutions and private and publicly traded companies in establishing and managing international patent portfolios involving applications and patents in regions and countries including Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Europe, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, New Zealand, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States.
- Assisted a large plastic film manufacturer in developing and implementing appropriate patent strategies to protect new thermoplastic film products, preparation methods, and related equipment.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Kentucky
- United States Patent and Trademark Office
- 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

RECENT NEWS, ARTICLES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Intellectual Property Seminar
  Speaker, Marshall University Office of Technolgoy Transfer, Huntington, W.Va., April 21, 2026
- Intellectual Property Virtual Seminar

Speaker, Marshall University Technology Transfer Office (TTO), April 21, 2025

- Intellectual Property and Research Disclosures

  co-speaker, Bluegrass Biodesign, University of Louisville School of Medicine, November 18, 2024 ,*with Mandy Wilson Decker*

- Opening Session - Bourbon Brings It Together: Bourbon and Intellectual Property

  panelist, AUTM Central Region Meeting, Louisville, KY, July 15, 2024 ,*with Mandy Wilson Decker*

- New Guidance from the USPTO Aims to Clarify Patent-Eligible Subject Matter Determination

  Stites & Harbison Client Alert, January 15, 2019

- Identifying and Implementing an Intellectual Property Protection Strategy for your Business

  Marshall University Technology Transfer Office seminar, Huntington, W.Va., September 14, 2018

- Intellectual Property Protection

  Marshall University Technology Transfer Office seminar, Huntington, W.Va., September 14, 2018

- Patents, Trade Secrets, Copyrights, and Trademarks – Selecting the Right Protection for Your Intellectual Property Assets

  The Lane Report, Research Kentucky 2018, March 2018 ,*with David W. Nagle Jr.*

- Summer associate programs: How they work, who they work for

  by David Serchuk, *Louisville Business First*, December 4, 2015

- Framework for Determining Eligibility for U.S. Patent Protection

  Professional Insight, *Business First of Louisville*, January 30, 2015

- Intellectual Property

  Panel Discussion, Louisville Downtown Partnership and Midwest Clean Energy, The Nucleus, Louisville, Ky., May 29, 2014

- International Patent Prosecution and PCT Practice

  Kentucky BioAlliance Intellectual Property Forum, Louisville, Ky., June 2011

- Protecting Intellectual Property

  Kauffman FastTrac Tech Venture Program, University of Louisville, May 2011

- Biotechnology Patent Prosecution

  Co-moderator, Association of University Technology Managers Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, Nev., March 2011

- Intellectual Property Protection in a University Setting

  Marshall University, January 2011

- Intellectual Property Protection in a University Setting

  Marshall University, August 2010

- Patent Law Ethics: The Changing Landscape of Materiality

  Louisville Bar Association, Louisville, Ky., June 2010

- Innovation and the Patentability of Natural Phenomena

  Second Annual Conference in Innovation and Communications Law, Louisville, Ky., August 2009

- The Developing Landscape of Biotechnology Patent Law

  Co-moderator, Association of University Technology Managers Annual Meeting, Orlando, Fla., February 2009 , *with Mandy Wilson Decker and B. Aaron Schulman*

- Judicial Patent Reform: Implications for Biotechnology

  Tennessee Biotechnology Association Annual Meeting, Nashville, Tenn., October 2008

- Patent Law 101 for the Health Care Industry

  Louisville Bar Association, Louisville, Ky., May 2008

- Cardiac-specific blockade of NF-kB in cardiac pathophysiology: differences between acute and chronic stimuli in vivo

  Brown M, McGuinness M, Wright T, Ren X, Wang Y, Boivin GP, Hahn H, Feldman AM, Jones WK, *Am J Physiol Heart Circ Physiol.* 289(1):H466-76 (2005)

- The Role of NF-kB in Myocardial Ischemia Reperfusion Injury

  Keystone Symposia, Keystone, Colo., March 2002

- Ablation of Myocardial NF-kB signaling in a Mourse Model of TNF-a overexpression

  Keystone Symposia, Keystone, Colo., March 2002

FIRM LEADERSHIP

- Intellectual Property & Technology Service Group, Chair
- Recruiting Committee, Past Chair

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Bar Association
- Kentucky Bar Association
- Louisville Bar Association,
  - Intellectual Property Section
- American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)
- Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Fund for the Arts, Board of Directors
- Health Enterprises Network, former member of Board of Directors

EDUCATION

- University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law J.D., *cum laude* 2007
- University of Louisville M.S., Pharmacology and Toxicology, 2003
- University of Cincinnati College of Medicine Pharmacology and Toxicology, 2002
- University of Louisville B.S., Biology, 2000

MORE THAN STITES & HARBISON

Before joining Stites & Harbison, Terry worked as a scientific research associate in laboratories at both the University of Cincinnati and the University of Louisville.

ACCOLADES

- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Patent Law; Trademark Law (2019-27)
- *Kentucky Super Lawyers*®, Intellectual Property (2019-20, 2022-26)
- *Kentucky Super Lawyers*®, Rising Star (2013-17)
- *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, Intellectual Property (2020-26)
- *Managing Intellectual Property*, IP Stars (2025-26)
- Legal 500, US City Elite, Intellectual Property (2026)