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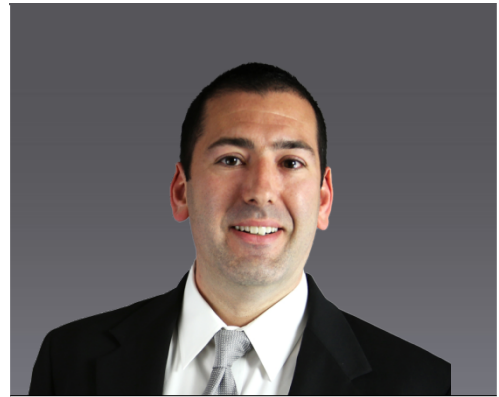
Partner | Intellectual Property

OVERVIEW

Holby is a strategic intellectual property advisor who focuses on the creation, development, protection and enforcement of numerous sophisticated global patent and trademark portfolios. His practice encompasses all aspects of patent and trademark development, including prosecution, licensing, opinion work, counseling and due diligence. Holby provides legal services with a full appreciation of the perspectives of in-house counsel, management and technical staff, routinely advising them regarding patent infringement issues, patent invalidity issues and freedom to operate issues.

He frequently develops patent and trademark portfolio strategies for a broad range of clients relating to sophisticated technologies. In doing so, Holby has obtained thousands of patents across numerous industries throughout his career, such as patents in the gaming industry, the energy industry, the medical industry and countless more. Holby regularly works directly with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Examiners to focus prosecution by minimizing delays and maximizing the scope of protection for his clients.

By understanding that navigating complex intellectual property obstacles is impossible when strategies are created inside a vacuum, Holby serves as a partner to the entire business, learning each client's proprietary technologies inside and out, constantly tracking competitor activities and carefully monitoring trends within each industry to determine the appropriate time to execute an aggressive offensive or defensive strategy. His proactive approach is ideal for confronting unpredictable events and developing



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EDUCATION

Loyola University Chicago School of Law (J.D., Certificate in Tax Law, 2002), Recipient of multiple CALI Award

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (B.S., Biology, 1999)

ADMISSIONS

Illinois

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

adaptive strategies to ensure that his clients' intellectual property portfolios are well protected.

EXPERIENCE

- Responsible for more than 3,500 patent applications for a public gaming corporation.
- Responsible for developing extensive patent portfolio for client's products to prevent competitors' infringements in highly competitive industry.
- Responsible for assisting clients in using client's pending patent applications to cover actual and proposed competitor products.

RECOGNITIONS

Patent Pro Bono Achievement Certificates, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), 2019 and 2020

NEWS & INSIGHTS

May 27, 2021 Firm News

Holby Abern and NGE Receive USPTO Patent Pro Bono Achievement Certificates

July 1, 2020 Publication

USPTO Offers Updated Relief for Certain Patent-Related Filing or Payment Deadlines

June 1, 2020 Publication

USPTO Extends Patent Deadlines for Small and Micro Entities

May 4, 2020 Publication

Client Alert: Does Artificial Intelligence Dream of Patent Applications?

April 29, 2020 Publication

Update: USPTO Patent Deadline Extensions Under the CARES Act

April 24, 2020 Publication

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April 20, 2020 Firm News

Holby Abern and Michael Harlin Receive USPTO Patent Pro Bono Achievement Certificates