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Tim St. Clair assists clients through all aspects of intellectual property, connecting the dots in this valuable intersection of law and commerce. He has built trusting client relationships through a results-oriented, purposeful approach toward maximizing intellectual property value and minimizing IP risks. His clients include international companies, midsize businesses, and startups.

Tim is a registered patent attorney who focuses exclusively on the protection, commercialization, and litigation of intellectual property. Located in Greenville, South Carolina, he represents clients nationally and internationally in preparing and pursuing patents and trademark registrations. His practice also includes evaluations of IP coverage in freedom-to-operate opinions and infringement opinions. In addition, he has considerable experience in patent and trademark litigation in the United States federal courts and before the U.S. Trademark Trial and Appeal Board. He has served as lead counsel in more than 60 jury trials to verdict.

Prior to joining Parker Poe, Tim chaired the intellectual property practice group for one of the largest law firms in the Carolinas. He received his law degree from the University of Virginia and his bachelor's degree from Virginia Tech.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Patent Litigation

- Helped client secure a consent injunction for willful patent infringements and other remedies on the eve of trial after two years of litigation.
- Represented a multinational company accused of patent infringement and helped reach a settlement after discovery uncovered flaws in the plaintiffs' case.
- Defended an innovative client accused of patent infringement in which the plaintiff voluntarily dismissed the case after two years of litigation to avoid risking a ruling on summary judgment.
- Represented a plaintiff against a patent infringer and helped reach a settlement despite claims of patent invalidity.
- Secured summary judgment of patent infringement and patent claim validity against a copycat competitor.



GREENVILLE OFFICE



PRACTICE AREAS

Intellectual Property
 Intellectual Property Litigation
 Litigation
 Litigation
 Cybersecurity & Data Privacy



EDUCATION

University of Virginia
 JD, 1983
 Virginia Tech
 BS, *magna cum laude*, 1980



ADMISSIONS

South Carolina
 Virginia
 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
 U.S. Supreme Court
 U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
 U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit



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Trademark Disputes

- Successfully defended a client accused of trademark infringement for using Google ad words registered as federal trademarks. Through the settlement, the client was able to keep using the desired ad words.
- Defended a client against a claim to cancel a federal registration. The case was settled after three years of litigation.
- Represented a client against a former employee who took website data and passwords. After quickly initiating litigation, the client recovered all relevant content, including URL and passwords.

Copyright Litigation

- Defended a business accused of copyright infringement and, after extensive discovery, helped reach a settlement before trial.

Misappropriation of Identity

- Defended a client sued by a celebrity based on radio advertisements. The case was settled for nominal damages.

HONORS

- Woodward/White's *The Best Lawyers in America* in Trademark Law, Patent Law, Patent Litigation, and Intellectual Property Litigation, 2011-2019; Trade Secrets Law, 2016-2019
- Woodward/White's *The Best Lawyers in America* "Lawyer of the Year" in Greenville for Patent Law, 2017, 2014; Trademark Law, 2016; Intellectual Property Litigation, 2013
- *Managing Intellectual Property* magazine's IP Stars
- *Greenville Business Magazine's* "Legal Elite" in Intellectual Property Law, 2015, 2018
- *South Carolina Super Lawyers*, 2012-2019
- *Benchmark Litigation*, Local Litigation Star in South Carolina, 2011-2013



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MEMBERSHIPS

- American Bar Association, Litigation Section, 2006-2013; Subcommittee of IP Litigation Committee, Co-Chair, 2008-2013; Accelerated Examination Subcommittee of IP Section, Chair, 2008-2009
- Carolina Patent, Trademark and Copyright Law Association, Secretary and Board Member, 2007-2010
- JD RF, International Board of Directors, 2013-2016; Development Committee, 2009-2016; National Ride Committee, 2006-present, Chair, 2009-2011; IP Advisory Task Force, 2010; National Head Coach "Ride to Cure Diabetes," 2007-2011
- Greenville Spinners Bicycle Club, Board of Directors, 2006-2012; President, 2008
- Greenville Spinners Bicycle Safety Foundation, Chair, 2010-2012