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Kory Christensen understands the critical importance of intellectual property in the rapidly evolving industries of software, electronics and health care. He provides strategic legal guidance to a global client base regarding the creation, maintenance and enforcement of intellectual property assets, with particular emphasis on patent portfolio development and management. Whether the client is a start-up or a multinational company, Kory can provide a deep knowledge of their business objectives and technologies. He is frequently involved in due diligence activities prior to an investment and advises venture capital and private equity investors on the value of intellectual property assets. In patent infringement actions, Kory works closely with the trial team in developing winning technical and legal arguments, as well as an overall case strategy designed to minimize costs and maximize return.

Kory serves a diverse group of international companies based in China, Hong Kong, South Korea, Panama, United Kingdom, Sweden, Netherlands and Estonia, which gives him a depth of knowledge on subtle variations between the intellectual property laws of different countries.

Kory's core patent practice focuses on artificial Intelligence, enterprise software, graphical user interfaces, health care management, medical imaging, medical telepresence, micro-device manufacturing, data protection, cryptography, fintech, telecommunications, virtual and augmented reality, image processing and business analytics.

Kory is extremely interested in the public policy implications of intellectual property rights and has co-authored a book published by Thomson Reuters on current efforts to reform the patent system. He regularly speaks at national and international conferences on patent-related issues, including how to create a winning global patent strategy.

Education

- Georgetown University Law Center (J.D., *cum laude*)
 - Associate Editor for Law & Policy in International Business Journal
- University of Utah (B.S., *magna cum laude*)
 - Computer Science; Chapter President of Tau Beta Pi

Capabilities

- Electrical Engineering & Computer Science Patent Prosecution
- Intellectual Property
- Intellectual Property Counseling & Opinions
- Medical Devices
- Patent Litigation
- Patent Preparation & Prosecution
- Trademark, Copyright & Branding
- International
- International Intellectual Property
- International Patent Filings & Strategy
- International Trademark & Clearance
- Technology
- Trademark Clearance & Prosecution

Bar Admissions

- California
- Utah
- Admitted to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, District of Utah
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
- United States Supreme Court

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Bar Association of San Francisco
- State Bar of California

Recognition

- *Managing Intellectual Property*, IP Stars – Patent Star, 2024-2025
- Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Trademark Law, 2014-2023
- Selected for inclusion in Northern California Super Lawyers for Intellectual Property, 2012-2018

Matters

Patent Procurement and Portfolio Management

- Prepared and prosecuted hundreds of patent applications to issuance.
- Developed strategies for building several portfolios with 100+ U.S. and foreign patents, including a portfolio of over 500 patents and applications for the largest medical device manufacturer in China.
- Assisted a worldwide leader in digital media in creating a portfolio of 200+ patents that was subsequently sold for over \$100,000,000.

Due Diligence and Litigation Counseling

- Assisted in the due diligence for a major acquisition by a Silicon Valley company involving some key patents in the computer industry.
- Successfully sent the patent portfolio of a company that was harassing a client into re-examination, which effectively ended the lawsuit against the client.
- Brought a successful patent infringement suit against one of the world's largest software manufacturers on behalf of a client and negotiated the terms of the settlement agreement.