

# Patrick T. Muffo

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Pat is a full-service intellectual property attorney focusing on the litigation of patent and trademark disputes. He also helps clients safeguard their innovations and build brand value by securing and strategically managing IP rights.

## IP Litigation

Pat litigates patent disputes across a broad spectrum of technologies, from complex mechanical inventions to intricate software systems. Pat also represents both plaintiffs and defendants in high stakes trademark litigation to protect his client's brands from competitor attacks. Pat's clients value his ability to be aggressive and relentless when needed, while also knowing when to take a measured, strategic approach to achieve their goals.

## IP Procurement

Pat secures high-value intellectual property assets that are critical to his clients' business objectives. Leveraging the full range of tools available through the Patent Office, he obtains broad, defensible claims with efficiency and precision. His experience spans diverse technologies, including 3D printing, hand and power tools, automotive components, gas-powered equipment, barbecue grills, electronics, software and more.

## Licensing

Pat negotiates licensing deals for clients in deals extending well into the nine figures. He engages with his clients on a business-driven level to execute on the greatest priorities for the deal. With this understanding, he is able to creatively adjust the agreement to create win-win scenarios for both sides rather than forcing either party to "give in." He has successfully navigated complex arrangements in virtually every industry, including the health care, computer software, electronics and consumer products spaces.

## Education

- University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce School of Law (J.D.)
- Virginia Tech (B.S., *cum laude*)

## Capabilities

- Intellectual Property
- Post-Grant Proceedings
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Mechanical Engineering & Medical Devices Patent Prosecution

- Materials Science and Engineering

## Bar Admissions

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

## Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Central District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, District of Colorado

## Memberships

- iTechLaw (International Technology Law Association)
- Chicago Bar Association
- The Entrepreneurship Institute (TEI)

# Publications

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April 14, 2026

### **Patent Monetizer IP Edge Rebrands Following Investigations**

*Quoted, Bloomberg Law*

April 2, 2026

### **USPTO Introduces New Pre-Order Procedure for Substantial New Question Determinations in Ex Parte Reexamination**

March 13, 2026

### **USPTO Expands PTAB Discretion to U.S. Manufacturing and Small Business**

February 26, 2026

### **Valve's 'Patent Troll' Verdict Points to Laws, Licenses as Tools**

*Quoted, Bloomberg Law*

January 5, 2026

### **Nonpracticing Entities Shower Financial Institutions With Patent Suits**

*Featured, Law.com*

October 17, 2025

### **Once Upheld, Always Upheld? USPTO Proposal Limits IPR Access**

February 20, 2024

### **Design Patent vs. Trade Dress: Strategic Considerations for Protecting Product Designs**

January 16, 2024

### **Rethinking Examiner Interviews – A Data-Driven Analysis**

October 23, 2023

**Critics Call Him a Patent Troll. He Prefers Modern-Day Edison**

*Quoted, Bloomberg Law*