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Intellectual property attorney with 24 years of experience in complex patent, copyright, DMCA, trademark, licensing, and commercial matters. I have served as lead trial counsel, senior in-house counsel, and outside counsel, handling disputes ranging from modest matters to claims exceeding \$1 billion. My experience includes U.S. and international litigation, arbitration, mediation, and settlement negotiations. I have managed arbitrations in the U.S. and Europe and completed the Mediation Intensive at Harvard Law School's Program on Negotiation. My combined litigation, in-house, business, and ADR experience provides a practical foundation for serving as a neutral in complex IP disputes.

EXPERIENCE

Getz Balich, LLC, Farmington, CT
Partner

2021 – Present

Counseled clients in numerous industries on a wide range of intellectual property matters.

- Co-lead counsel in Post University, Inc. v. Learneo, Inc. (3:21-cv-01242-VDO)).
 - Jury trial ending in March 2026 that involved unauthorized use and alteration of thousands of educational materials created by client.
 - Jury awarded client, Post University, \$75M+ in damages for DMCA violations and copyright infringement
 - Law360 named this case one of the most important cases in US Copyright law for 2026.
- Lead counsel for client in federal court litigation that successfully settled following mediation.

Dilworth IP, Shelton, CT
Partner

2019-2021

Counseled clients in numerous industries on a wide range of intellectual property matters.

- Led an approx. year-long investigation that culminated with the filing of Post University, Inc. v. Learneo, Inc. in Sept. 2021.

Edgewell Personal Care Company (EPC)
(formerly Energizer Holdings, Inc.), Milford and Shelton, CT
Deputy General Counsel

2015 – 2018

Legal Executive responsible for leading team responsible for the Patent and Commercial Contracts departments globally.

- Managed 8 disputes in the US (District Court and ITC), Canada, and Europe (Germany/UK) against competitors involving an array of products that achieved pre-determined business needs.
- Led settlement negotiations on behalf of EPC in a high-stakes mediation involving 7 global disputes against a single competitor that resulted in global product clearance.
- Successfully managed numerous arbitrations against top competitor that avoided complex litigation and achieved global product clearances in a truncated timeframe.

Energizer Holdings, Inc.

(now Edgewell Personal Care Company), Milford and Shelton, CT

2004 – 2015

Senior Patent Counsel, 2011 – 2015

Global head of patent department supporting personal care product lines.

- Managed numerous European Oppositions.
- Resolved multiple patent disputes against a competitor via binding arbitration in the US and Europe.
- Successfully defended aggressive patent infringement claim by competitor in China (razors) through a successfully nullity challenge of the subject patent.
- Asserted patent claims against a razor competitor in the US and Germany that resulted in a favorable settlement, and a significant design change to the challenged product.

Patent Counsel (Milford, CT), 2004 - 2011

Global head of patent department supporting shaving business.

- Successfully managed several arbitrations that achieved global product clearance in lieu of expensive and time-consuming litigation.
- Successfully managed numerous European Oppositions.
- Coordinated with the RD&E team during the design of the Schick Hydro product lines and executed the clearance strategies that led to a successful launch of the premium razor product with zero patent challenges.

McCormack, Paulding & Huber LLP, Hartford, CT, 2000-2004

Legal Intern, Patent Agent & Associate

- Represented clients for an IP boutique law firm in the areas of patent, trademark, and copyright matters.

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

Juris Doctor (J.D.) (2002)

University of Connecticut School of Law, Hartford, CT

Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering (BME) (1999)

Villanova University, Villanova, PA

Harvard Mediation Intensive (Nov. 2005)

The Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA

Credential ID 25XW-E62W-TNNV

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Superior Court, State of Connecticut, Registration No. 420,792 (2002)
- United States Patent and Trademark Office, Registration No. 51,234 (2002)
- United States District Court, District of Connecticut, Registration No. CT25383 (2003)
- United States Circuit Court, Federal Circuit (September 2004)
- United States Supreme Court, Bar No. 261878 (2006)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Joint Patent Practitioners (JPP) - Member, Planning Committee (2013-present); Member, Board of Directors (2017-present).

Connecticut Intellectual Property Law Association (CIPLA) - Active member; former President (2010-2011); Vice President (2009-2010); Treasurer (2008-2009); Secretary (2007-2008); Program Chair (2006-2007); and Board of Governors member (2011-2016).

Judge Janet Bond Arterton American Inn of Court – Advisory Board (2024-present); former President (2018-2020); Vice President (2017-2018); and founding Secretary (2015-2017).

American Bar Association (ABA) - Member, Section of Dispute Resolution and Section of Intellectual Property Law.

American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) - Member; application to join the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee pending.

Connecticut Bar Association (CBA) - Member, Alternative Dispute Resolution Section.