

Mark J. Abate

Mark Abate is a partner in the firm Goodwin Procter and a member of its Patent Litigation Practice. Mr. Abate recently served as President of the New York Intellectual Property Law Association and has been consistently recognized as one of the nation's foremost IP lawyers. Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business refers to Mr. Abate as "a true gentleman and a fantastic trial lawyer" and notes he "is respected by the judges" and "is sought after for his lengthy experience before the ITC" and that clients "commend his winning combination of legal and technical expertise." The IAM Patent Litigation 250 – The World's Leading Patent Litigators refers to Mr. Abate as "well regarded" and "possess[ing] a great deal of talent as a litigator."

Mr. Abate concentrates his practice on trials and appeals of patent infringement cases, and has particular expertise in matters involving electronics, computers, computer software, electrical and mechanical devices, financial systems and medical devices. He has tried cases to their successful conclusions in U.S. district courts and the U.S. International Trade Commission and has argued appeals before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. He began his career as a law clerk for Chief Judge Howard T. Markey of the Federal Circuit.

Thomas J. Bean

Thomas J. Bean is a Director in the Intellectual Property Department at Gibbons P.C. Tom's practice focuses on client counseling in patent matters including domestic and foreign patent prosecution, patent clearance and right-to-use opinions, and patent disputes. He has substantial experience relating to communications technologies, consumer electronics, semiconductor and materials technologies, medical devices, gaming devices, software and network-based systems, and business methods. Prior to joining Gibbons, Tom held positions at several New York firms and in-house at Lucent Technologies Inc. and Avaya Inc. Before practicing law, he was a Technical Manager at Bell Laboratories.

Jon A. Chiodo

Jon Chiodo is a lecturer and author whose work has appeared in various regional and national publications. Mr. Chiodo has extensive experience in litigation as well as prosecution of patent and trademark matters. Mr. Chiodo aids clients in portfolio understanding and management, and provides advice and opinions ranging from freedom to operate to likelihood of infringement. Representative fields of technology include the chemical and pharmaceutical arts and medical devices, with particular attention to oral care compositions and pharmaceutical delivery systems.

Kenneth Corsello

Ken is the manager of the IP Law department at IBM's Fishkill, N.Y. location. In his previous roles at IBM, he worked on litigation management for five years and was an IP attorney for two years at the T.J. Watson research center, where he provided IP law support to the "Watson" IBM Jeopardy! Challenge project.

Before joining IBM, Ken was a law clerk to Chief Judge Archer of the Federal Circuit; an Association Solicitor in the USPTO for four years; and in private practice for eight years at law firms in Washington DC.

Ken did his undergraduate work in Computer Science at SUNY Stony Brook, received his JD from the Catholic University, and obtained an LL.M. from George Washington University. He has taught classes in patent law at Catholic University.

Ken was part of a team of IBM attorneys who drafted comments that IBM filed in response to the PTO's requests for comments on rules for the AIA post issuance proceedings, rules implementing the AIA first inventor to file provisions, and rules for streamlined patent reexamination.

Charles P. Kennedy

Charles Kennedy is a partner in the firm Lerner David Littenberg Krumholz & Mentlik, LLP. He concentrates his practice in intellectual property litigation for patents, trademarks, trade dress, copyrights, and unfair competition. He is actively involved in all phases of litigation, from strategy and discovery to trials before judges and juries.

Mr. Kennedy has been recognized for each year since 2006 in "The Best Lawyers in America," by Woodward & White. For 2012, he was selected as Best Lawyers "Lawyer of the Year" for Litigation Intellectual Property in the State of New Jersey. Mr. Kennedy has also been recognized as a "leading lawyer" in intellectual property by Chambers USA Directory for each year since 2007. He is also intensively involved in the John C. Lifland American Inn of Court -- a prestigious federal litigation workshop with participants including federal judges and attorneys -- and has held the Inn's highest position, co-Chairman and Master.

He is a frequent author and lecturer on various aspects of intellectual property law and litigation. With a background in economics, Mr. Kennedy also has tried major damages claims in IP infringement cases. Among his contributions: author, "Surviving or Failing, In a Hypothetical World" (New Jersey Law Journal, 2003); co-author, "Special Considerations in Cases Involving Intellectual Property" (New Jersey Federal Civil Procedure, New Jersey Law Books 1999); featured presenter, "Litigating Intellectual Property Cases" symposium (New Jersey Bar Association, 2001).

Gregory J. Murgia

Gregg Murgia is Senior Corporate Counsel & Director of Patent Creation for the Americas region of Alcatel-Lucent. He is responsible for overseeing patent creation and prosecution activities related to building a global patent portfolio spanning the various technology areas of Alcatel-Lucent's business divisions and Bell Laboratories research activities in the Americas region. Gregg joined Lucent Technologies (Bell Laboratories) in 1997 and held various positions. As Corporate Counsel, he provided legal counsel and patent creation support for the Optical Networking Business Unit and Bell Labs Photonics Research group, which included the preparation and prosecution of patent applications, providing assertion support and counsel on various licensing activities. He was also a Director of Business Development in the Intellectual Property business and managed a team of technical and business professionals responsible for identifying and developing patent licensing opportunities. Prior to joining Lucent, he was an Associate in the Intellectual Property Department of Crummy, Del Deo, Dolan, Griffinger & Vecchione (currently Gibbons).

Gregg holds a B.S.E.E. from the University of Notre Dame and a J.D. from Seton Hall Law School. He is admitted to practice in New Jersey, New York, and the United States Patent & Trademark Office.

Josephine A. Paltin

Josephine is a registered patent attorney whose practice primarily focuses on patent prosecution, appeals, and client counseling. Josephine practices in the following technology areas: Telecommunications, Wireless, Networking, Telephony, Voice-over-IP; Internet Communications and Infrastructure; Software Products and Methods, including Mobile and Social Network Systems and Applications; Computers and Electronic Hardware; Mechanical and Electromechanical Systems; Weapons Support and Other Defense Systems; Transportation Control Systems and Networks.

Prior to joining DeMont & Breyer (precursor firm to Kaplan Breyer Schwarz & Ottesen), Josephine served as a law clerk to the Hon. Stephen Skillman, P.J.A.D. in the New Jersey Superior Court Appellate Division. Previously, Josephine was a practicing engineer and manager at AT&T Bell Laboratories and several of its spin-off companies, including AT&T Information Systems, Lucent Technologies, and Avaya, Inc. During her tenure there, Josephine held the titles of Technical Manager, Distinguished Member of Technical Staff, and Member of Technical Staff. As a technical manager in research and development, Josephine supervised all aspects of product lifecycle, from systems engineering and architecture to development and test to manufacturing and customer support.

While in law school, Josephine interned with the former Chief Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court, the Hon. James R. Zazzali, and with the Hon. Michael A. Guadagno, J.S.C., in New Jersey Superior Court Civil Division. Josephine was a Managing Notes Editor for the Rutgers Law Review, and served as a Teaching Associate for Legal Research and Writing.

David Rosenblatt

David Rosenblatt has practiced intellectual property law for over twenty years, the last approximately eight of which he has worked for Thomson Reuters where he is currently Assistant General Counsel – Intellectual Property. David's experience includes IP dispute resolution in state courts, federal courts, and through mediation and arbitration. David is also engaged in IP counseling and strategy, patent preparation and prosecution (including budget management), and related IP issues pertaining to M&A, licensing, IP employment matters, international IP agreements related to tax treatment, and open source software. While at Thomson Reuters, David spearheaded Thomson's appeal in the MuniAuction divided infringement case, succeeding in overturning an approximately \$84 million judgment against Thomson and recovering costs on behalf of Thomson. David was also the lead IP attorney for the sale of the Thomson Learning business (currently Cengage) for \$7.75 billion to private investors. Prior to joining Thomson Reuters, David held various positions including positions with GlobespanVirata, Lucent, AT&T and Allegretti & Witcoff (currently Banner & Witcoff).

David, an invited speaker at numerous conferences, is a registered patent attorney and a member of the Illinois bar. David holds a B.S.E.E. from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, a M.S.E.E. from Polytechnic University (currently NYU-Poly), and a J.D., cum laude, from The John Marshall Law School.

Robert E. Rudnick

Robert Rudnick counsels clients in a wide variety of intellectual property matters including patent procurement and portfolio development strategies, generating value from patent portfolios, patent and technology licensing, patent clearance studies, patent non-infringement/invalidity evaluations and opinions, corporate mergers and acquisitions and patent prosecution, especially in the medical device and telecommunication technologies. In addition, Mr. Rudnick has significant business and legal experience in negotiating and providing counsel with intellectual property-based transactions. He has also counseled and defended clients from other aggressive patent licensing entities such as non-practicing entities (a/k/a Patent Trolls). He spent time in various in-house roles at AT&T and subsequent spin-off companies Lucent Technologies and Avaya Inc. before joining Gibbons.

At Avaya, Mr. Rudnick handled intellectual property issues important to Avaya's domestic and multi-national technology businesses, both in the manufacturing or services business sectors. His practice directly affected governance and operation of Avaya's business and included developing intellectual property policies concerning software, patent and trademark filing, mergers and acquisitions, divestitures, investor relations, and employee hiring, resignations and dismissals. Mr. Rudnick guided the establishment of Avaya's positions governing the activities of its representatives before standards bodies, negotiated intellectual property aspects arising in domestic and international sales and services agreements, including intellectual property defense and indemnification provisions, intellectual property ownership and Open Source software. Mr. Rudnick also provided advice and counsel regarding patent and trademark procurement strategies to leverage and protect the corporation's intellectual property assets as well as defending Avaya from allegations of patent infringement.

Before joining Avaya, Mr. Rudnick was a member of Lucent Technologies' Patent Assertion Team which received favorable notoriety in the article: "Soldiers of Fortune," COM-American Lawyer's Corporate Counsel Magazine, pp. 10-18 (June 1998) for the revenues it generated based on Lucent's patent portfolio. In that role, he utilized experience in patent portfolio management, negotiation skills and knowledge of patent prosecution and domestic and foreign infringement laws to provide patent assertion and licensing support in negotiating domestic and international patent license agreements.

Mr. Rudnick is the President of the New Jersey Intellectual Property Law Association. He received his law degree from Rutgers University School of Law and undergraduate degree from Rutgers College of Engineering.

Anthony S. Volpe

Tony started his career as the first in-house IP attorney at the Allen Organ Company and later joined the in-house IP staff of AMP Inc. In the late 1970s, he returned to Philadelphia and entered private practice in an IP boutique. In 1987, he joined Fred Koenig as a founding shareholder of Volpe and Koenig.

Tony focuses on learning the client's objectives and devising a legal strategy that complements the client's objectives.

Tony has corporate and private practice experience in all aspects of intellectual property rights. His current practice focuses on client counseling and the development of an IP strategy that yields the best value from the client's IP and, to the extent possible avoids the IP rights of third parties. When needed, Tony negotiates inter parte matters, and provides seasoned representation in state and federal litigation and before administrative agencies including the

International Trade Commission, Office of Unfair Competition and the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Tony is a frequent presenter at intellectual property seminars in the United States, Canada and Europe and was a Scholar-in-Residence for Legal Studies at Temple University's Fox School of Business.

Tony has been named to Pennsylvania Super Lawyers (2005-2012), Best Lawyers (2007-2012), Top 100 in Philadelphia, Top 100 in Pennsylvania, has been recognized as a "Leader in the Field" by Chambers USA (2009 – 2012), and celebrates more than 10 years of being rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbel.

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Jeffrey M. Weinick

Jeffrey Weinick serves as co-chair of Wolff & Samson's Intellectual Property Group and leads the firm's patent department. His practice focuses on the acquisition of patent rights and intellectual property licensing and enforcement. He acquires patent rights for clients in a wide range of technologies, including computer systems and software, telecommunications and business methods. Jeff has extensive experience in all aspects of practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). He is also experienced in negotiating and drafting a wide variety of domestic and international licensing agreements on behalf of his clients, including patent, technology, software and hybrid licensing agreements. When enforcement issues arise, Jeff counsels his clients with respect to validity and infringement. His clients range from Fortune 500 companies to startup technology companies.

Prior to joining Wolff & Samson, Jeff was the sole member of Weinick & Associates, a patent law boutique founded in 2003. Weinick & Associates merged with Wolff & Samson in 2009. Prior to founding Weinick & Associates, Jeff was in-house counsel at AT&T Corp. and Lucent Technologies from 1995 through 2003. Before that, he was an associate at the New York law firm of Davis Hoxie Faithfull and Hapgood from 1991 – 1995.

Jeff earned a BS degree in Computer Science from Binghamton University, The State University of New York, and a JD degree from New York University School of Law. He is admitted to practice in New York, New Jersey, and the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Jeff is listed in the 2012 edition of "Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business" in the area of Intellectual Property.