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Areas of Practice & Industry Specialties

Litigation; Patent Law; Intellectual Property Law; Intellectual Property Litigation; Technology



Coby Nixon is a Shareholder and Chair of the Litigation Practice Group in the Firm's Atlanta office and a member of the Intellectual Property Practice Group. For nearly twenty years, Mr. Nixon's practice has focused primarily on patent infringement litigation.

Mr. Nixon has repeatedly delivered favorable results for his clients in the courtroom. He has argued successfully on appeal at the U.S. Court of Appeal for the Federal Circuit and at the USPTO's Patent Trial and Appeal Board, won oral arguments at hearings on various motions in district court including motions to dismiss and motions for preliminary injunction, and obtained favorable rulings through argument at numerous *Markman* (claim construction) hearings.

Mr. Nixon's practice is national in scope. He has litigated matters in all the popular patent courts such as Delaware, California, Texas, and New Jersey, in district courts throughout the country, including New York, Virginia, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Florida, and Tennessee to name a few, in post-grant proceedings such as *inter partes* reviews (IPRs) before the USPTO, and in the International Trade Commission.

Mr. Nixon's experience before the judges in the Northern District of Georgia is particularly deep, having served as lead or local counsel in over 50 IP cases in the district. If you consider only the cases where both sides made an appearance, Mr. Nixon has been selected to represent clients in about 15 percent of all patent infringement cases filed in the district since 2016.

An engineer by training and lifelong student of science and technology, Mr. Nixon enjoys being entrusted to handle complex IP disputes for his clients. He is committed to providing efficient, high-quality representation that focuses on what matters most for his clients and what aligns with their business goals and interests.

Awards and Honors

- Georgia Super Lawyers, 2024, Rising Stars, 2009, 2011-2012
- Georgia Trend's Legal Elite, Intellectual Property, 2021-2022
- The Best Lawyers in America®, 2023-2025
- Shortlisted as one of five finalists for "IP Litigator of the Year – Georgia" award by Managing Intellectual Property, 2024

Professional Involvement

- Member, Atlanta Bar Association, Intellectual Property Section
- Atlanta Intellectual Property Inn of Court
- Federal Bar Association, Intellectual Property Section

- Chair, 2019-2020
- Treasurer, 2017-2018
- Secretary, 2015-2017
- Member, 2015-present
- Member, Intellectual Property Owners Association
- Member, State Bar of Georgia, Intellectual Property Section

Education

Mr. Nixon earned his J.D., magna cum laude, from The University of Georgia School of Law. He earned his B.S.E. in Biomedical Engineering from Mercer University.

Bar Admissions

- Georgia

Court Admissions

- Court of Appeals of Georgia
- Supreme Court of Georgia
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia

Community

- Atlanta BeltLine Partnership
 - Volunteer, 2010-present
 - Member of Speakers Bureau, 2013-2017
 - Member of Junior Board of Directors (“AB67”), 2017-2021
- Atlanta Pro Bono Roundtable
- Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation
 - Volunteer Lawyer for the Domestic Violence Program
 - Saturday Lawyer Program
 - Standing With Our Neighbors Program
- The Cathedral of St. Philip, Cathedral Chapter
- Member, Mercer University School of Engineering, National Engineering Advisory Board