



Gary W. McFarron

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Professional History

After his graduation from Northwestern University School of Law, Mr. McFarron joined the firm of Fitch, Even, Tabin & Luedeka in Chicago, specializing in intellectual property law matters. He also served as Division Patent Counsel for Travenol Laboratories, Inc. (now Baxter Healthcare Corporation) in Deerfield, Illinois. Mr. McFarron has been with the present firm or a predecessor since 1979, specializing in patent, trademark, and copyright law and related unfair competition and antitrust matters.

Mr. McFarron's legal practice has involved a broad spectrum of intellectual property law matters. Much of his practice has been devoted to general counseling and has included due diligence investigations, patent validity and infringement opinions, patent prosecution, licensing and other agreements, trademark clearance and registration, copyright matters, and general client counseling. For many years, much of his practice involved intellectual property litigation on behalf of Fortune 500 companies. He has served as an arbitrator in intellectual property cases for the American Arbitration Association and has lectured before various engineering societies on intellectual property law matters. He represents a variety of clients, but focuses principally on representing established and start-up corporate clients.

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EDUCATION

1974 - Northwestern University, Juris Doctor, cum laude

1971 - Purdue University, B.S. Mechanical Engineering, with distinction

ADMISSIONS

State of Illinois

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

U.S. Patent & Trademark Office

ASSOCIATIONS

American Intellectual Property Law Association

Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago

CONTACT

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Professional Experience

1981 to Date Sr. Shareholder, COO Cook Alex, Chicago, IL

Due diligence investigations; patent and related licensing; patent novelty, validity and infringement studies; patent and trademark application preparation and prosecution; patent and related litigation including trial court appearances and preparation of pleadings, motions, and discovery; and lawsuit-related investigations.

1979 to 1981 Partner Lockwood, Dewey, Alex & Cummings, Chicago, IL

1977 to 1979 Patent Counsel Travenol Laboratories, Inc., Deerfield, IL

1974 to 1977 Associate Fitch, Even, Tabin & Leudeka, Chicago, IL

Selected Litigation Activities

Talon Div. of Textron v. Weiner, **S.D.N.Y.**

Woodstream, Inc. v. Trophy Products, et al., **S.D. Texas**

Sargent-Welch Scientific Co. v. McKelvy, **D. Col.**

Sargent-Welch Scientific Co. v. J/B Industries, Inc., **N.D. Ill.**

Sargent-Welch Scientific Co. v. Egan, et. al., **D. Mass.**

Sargent-Welch Scientific Co. v. Egan, et. al., **First Cir. CA.**

George A. Hormel & Co. v. Poss Famous Foods, **N.D. Georgia**

George A. Hormel & Co. v. Wolverine Packing Co., **E.D. Mich.**

George A. Hormel & Co. v. Baltz Bros. Packing Co., **M.D. Tenn.**

George A. Hormel & Co. v. Bluebird, et al., **N.D. Ill.**

Medallion, Inc. v. Airguide Instruments, Inc., **N.D. Ill.**

Baxter Travenol Laboratories v. Imed, **N.D. Ill.**

Pioneer Viggo v. Travenol Laboratories, **N.D. Ill.**

Biomedical Engineering v. Travenol Laboratories, **D. Mass**

Cordis Corporation v. Medtronic, Inc., **S.D. Florida**

Baxter Travenol Laboratories v. Abbott Laboratories, **N.D. Ill.**

Baxter Travenol Laboratories v. LKB, **D. Maryland**

Sage v. Baxter Healthcare, **N.D. Ill.**

Beraha v. Baxter Healthcare, **N.D. Ill.**

IMS v. Baxter Healthcare, **C.D. Cal.**

Baxter Healthcare v. Cobe Laboratories, **N.D. Ill.; D. Colo.**

Perkins Mfg. Co. v. Standard Equipment, **N.D. Ill.**

Perkins Mfg. Co. v. Bayne Equipment Co., **N.D. Ill.**

Arbitrator, American Arbitration Association

Selected Litigation Activities

Speaker, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Evansville, Indiana Chapter

Speaker, Kentucky Association of Professional Engineers, Green River Chapter

Speaker, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Chicago Chapter

Speaker, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, DuPage Chapter

Speaker, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, 1991 Winter Annual Meeting

Panelist, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, 1992 Winter Annual Meeting, Ethics in Engineering

PRACTICES

Asset Management

Counseling

Copyrights

Litigation

Patent Prosecution ☒

Trademarks ☒

Trade Secrets

Licensing

Unfair Competition

TECHNOLOGIES

Biomedical

Biotechnology

Computer

Electrical

Mechanical

Medical

Pharmaceutical

Software

CIVIC ACTIVITIES

Grantor, Intellectual

Property Scholarship,

Indiana University

School of Law

To benefit female

or minority law

students with science

or engineering

undergraduate degree