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LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Law Office of Lesley A. Wallerstein, LLC

2011 – Present

Founder and Principal Attorney

Life science degree from MIT and former patent examiner secures, manages and protects the intellectual property of closely held businesses, artists and independent inventors.

Patent Prosecution:

- Advise clients on strategies for successful patent prosecution and for avoiding infringement
- Draft, file and prosecute patent applications for: personal, commercial and industrial articles of manufacture, medical devices, sporting goods and home improvement products
- Successfully prosecuted 35+ design and utility patents
- Persuade examiners to reverse rejections on novelty, obviousness and indefiniteness grounds
- Draft and negotiate non-disclosure agreements

Trademark Prosecution and Litigation:

- Advise clients on strategies for successful registration and for avoiding infringement
- Successfully prosecuted 150+ trademark applications
- Persuade examiners to overturn refusals on mere descriptiveness and likelihood of confusion grounds
- Enforce clients' marks against infringement from others
- Defend clients from accusations of infringement and trademark cancellations

License Agreements:

Negotiated licenses from and with: Major League Baseball, the Art Institute of Chicago, Anish Kapoor Studios, At Properties, the Artists' Rights Society, Penguin, Avon, Workman, Black Dog & Leventhal, Readers' Digest and other publishers

U.S. Patent & Trademark Office

2006-2011

Contract Patent Examiner

- Examined Patent Cooperation Treaty applications in biotechnology, nanotechnology, medical devices, alternative energy technologies, pharmaceuticals, food science, and textile technologies
- Analyzed inventions for patentability, freedom to operate, patent infringement and invalidity
- Trained new employees in patent search strategy, opinion composition, case management

Law Office of Kenneth N. Flaxman, P.C., Chicago, IL, 1993-1996

Associate Attorney

Represented clients in state and federal civil rights litigation matters

- Researched, drafted and responded to motions, discovery requests and briefs
- Argued and won contested motions
- Conducted and defended depositions

Certified Arbitrator, Circuit Courts of Cook and Lake Counties, IL, 1998-Present

Adjudicate personal injury, property damage and landlord tenant disputes

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

High school and middle school science teacher, curriculum designer, 1999-2006

Attleboro (MA) High School

Lake Forest (IL) High School

Chicagoland Jewish High School

Northwestern University Center for Talent Development

EDUCATION & LICENSES

Admissions:

United States Patent & Trademark Office, 1996

Illinois Supreme Court, 1994

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, 1994

B.S., Biology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1990

J.D., IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law, Chicago, Illinois, 1993

M.A., Science Education, Boston University, Boston, MA, 1999

AWARDS

Super Lawyers of Illinois, 2019-2020

PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENTS

ProVisors Chicago Attorney Affinity Group , guest speaker on IP Law Basics	December 2019
Columbia College of Chicago , Guest Speaker for Business of Design	April 2019
Chicago Photographic Arts Society , Copyright Law for Photographers	November 2018
Skokie Public Library , Your Small Business and Startup Questions Answered	March 2014
Lake County Bar Association, New and Young Lawyers Committee CLE series speaker	Fall 2013
Niles North High School, Engineering Design and Development , featured speaker	Fall 2013
University of Chicago, Booth School of Business, New Venture and Small Enterprise Lab , featured speaker	Fall 2012

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Chicago Bar Association

- Co-chair, Young Lawyers Section Women in Law Committee , 1995-1996

2011-Present,
1993-1996

North Shore LAW, North Suburban IL

- Elected Treasurer

2011-Present
2014-2016

ProVisors

2017-Present