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Renae specializes in working with clients to develop and implement strategies for protecting, maintaining, licensing and enforcing patent rights around the world. Renae counsels clients on mitigating risk associated with third party IP rights while helping clients build their own meaningful, global patent portfolios that align with business goals. She practices in a variety of technical industries including aluminum and metallurgy, consumer products, fastening and architectural products, aerospace, merchandising displays, pool care, machines for heat treating thread, and medical devices. Renae also has substantial experience protecting ornamental and distinctive product designs.

Renae enjoys engaging in the high-level patent strategy involved in litigating patent cases. She also has substantial experience successfully attacking the validity of patents before the U.S. Patent Trial and Appeal Board, including through *inter partes* and *ex parte* reexamination procedures, as well as the *inter partes* review procedure.

Renae is listed in the 2026 and the five years immediately preceding editions of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* as "Up and Coming" in the area of Intellectual Property. She was recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Patent Law in 2026 and 2027. Renae was named a top patent practitioner in 2026 and the seven years immediately preceding by *IAM Patent 1000 – The World's Leading Patent Practitioners* and in the 2026 and the five years immediately preceding editions of *IAM Strategy 300: The World's Leading IP Strategists*. In 2025 and 2026, she was also named an *IAM Strategy 300* Global Leader. Renae was recognized as a Georgia "Rising Star" in 2012 and 2013 in the area of Intellectual Property Litigation, and most recently in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2020 and 2021 for Intellectual Property, by *Super Lawyers* magazine. In 2024, clients named Renae as a "BTI Client Service All-Star" in recognition of her client service excellence.

Experience

Served as lead counsel on behalf of Molnlycke Health Care Group AB in a patent infringement suit against two competitors in the Northern District of Georgia involving silicone-based wound dressings. The court entered a favorable claim construction ruling for our clients, and the case settled while summary judgment motions were pending after the manufacturer of the accused products removed them from the U.S. marketplace.

Molnlycke Health Care Group AB v. Ossur & Medline, No. 06-1027 (N.D. Ga. filed Apr. 28, 2006).

Represented the action of a former tenant before the Clayton County Magistrate Court and the Clayton County State Court seeking the return of a security deposit from a management company and its principle who wrongfully withheld the security deposit. After trial in Clayton County State Court, obtained a judgment against the management company and its principle for three times the amount of the security deposit plus court costs.

The firm served as lead counsel on behalf of Quintiles Transnational Corp. in a patent infringement suit relating to electronic data capture technology in clinical trials. We obtained a favorable resolution of this case for our client. *Datasci, LLC v. Quintiles Transnational Corp.*, No.08-01679 (D. Md. filed June 26, 2008).

Provide patent procurement and counseling services to YKK Corporation of America, an industry leader in the development of fastening and architectural products, and energy efficient designs. The company offers technically innovative products such as zippers, hook and loop fastening systems, webbings, metal snaps and buttons, plastic buckles, and energy efficient window systems. The firm takes an active role in shaping the company's overall patent and trademark strategy, including identifying and protecting innovations, as well as evaluating and designing around third-party intellectual property rights.

Brought action for a Declaratory Judgment in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware against Applied Interact LLC after Delta Air Lines Inc. ("Delta") rejected Applied Interact's license request. This action sought a declaration that the three patents-in-suit were invalid and not infringed. Quest Net Tech ("Quest") subsequently acquired the rights to the patents from Applied Interact and the complaint was amended to include Quest. The case was dismissed after we secured a favorable settlement agreement on behalf of Delta. (Judge Robinson). *Delta Air Lines Inc. v. Applied Interact LLC et al*., No. 1:09-cv-00941 (D. Del. filed Dec. 8, 2009).

Counselled petitioner ScentAir in 2013 *inter partes* review challenging validity as to two patents of competitor Prolitec related to liquid diffusion methods and systems. The USPTO's Patent Trial and Appeal Board ruled in favor of client ScentAir in 2014, finding all challenged claims unpatentable. The Federal Circuit affirmed both rulings in 2015.

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Patent Trial and Appeal Board, Case Numbers IPR2013-00179 and IPR2013-00180.

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, Appeal Nos. 2015-1017 and 2015-1020.
http://www.law360.com/articles/734448/fed-circ-backs-ptab-s-air-freshener-patent-invalidation

Defended ScentAir against competitor Prolitec in E.D. Wisconsin patent infringement case filed in 2012 related to commercial scent diffusion products (Case No. 12-CV-483-RTR). Successfully petitioned for *inter partes* review of both patents-in-suit, resulting in stay of litigation in 2013. In 2014 the USPTO Patent Trial & Appeal Board invalidated both patents and denied Prolitec's motion to amend. The Federal Circuit upheld both decisions in 2015. http://www.law360.com/articles/734448/fed-circ-backs-ptab-s-air-freshener-patent-invalidation

The firm served as lead counsel for Biotec Pharmacon, ASA, a Norwegian pharmaceutical company, in patent infringement litigation initiated by patent owner Biothera, a Minnesota corporation, in the District of Minnesota in Minneapolis. The 14 patents involved in the litigation relate to, among other things, beta glucan compositions for immunotherapy. The District Court granted summary judgment of non-infringement as to 12 of the 14 patents, and the case subsequently settled. *Biopolymer Eng'g, Inc. v. Immunocorp,* No. 05-536 (D. Minn. filed Mar. 14, 2005).

Provide comprehensive patent portfolio management services for Rock-Tenn Company. Although historically, the company’s main focus has been on packaging, recently a significant emphasis has been placed on development and expanding market share for retail oriented consumer product displays in a separate division within the company. The firm has worked closely with the key technical and business personnel in the new division to form strategies that protect their innovations, control costs and achieve strategic corporate goals. Also, the firm has counseled the company relative to exploration into potential new areas for growth and provided guidance relative to protection of and clearance for crucial elements of new product lines.

Provides patent procurement and counseling services to Smith & Nephew, an industry leader in the development of advanced medical devices and implants. The company offers technically innovative products in areas such as orthopedic reconstruction and trauma, endoscopy, advanced wound management and biologics. Provide counsel and advice in all aspects of the company's business, including helping shape its overall patent strategy. As part of this, the firm takes an active role in identifying and protecting innovations, as well as evaluating third-party intellectual property rights. Further, the firm provides counseling in connection with the company’s patent licensing and acquisition activities and has represented the company in several patent infringement matters.

Education

Emory University School of Law J.D. (2006) *with honors, Order of the Coif*

Northwestern University B.S. (2003) Industrial Engineering, *magna cum laude*

Admissions

Georgia (2006)

Court Admissions

Georgia Court of Appeals (2007)

Georgia Superior Court (2006)

Supreme Court of Georgia (2007)

U.S. District Court for the District of Georgia (2007)

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