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For over twenty-five years, Kris Doyle has been practicing intellectual property law and advising in-house counsel and senior management business teams on the strategic development and exploitation of patent portfolios that align with their business objectives. She has been responsible for counseling her clients in all aspects of patent law, including patent procurement, patent litigation, licensing, opinion work, diligence related to corporate transactions, and patent monetization. Kris also led the Firm’s Mechanical & Medical Device Patent Team for over a decade of her career.

Kris oversees the strategic development of meaningful patent portfolios for clients in a variety of technical industries, including the commercial and residential lighting, floorcovering, textile, consumer products, sporting goods, and industrial cleaning industries. She has developed both industry and technology-specific experience that enables her to counsel her clients in how to maximize their efforts to develop and strategically leverage their intellectual property.

Kris's extensive knowledge and experience in every aspect of patent law has positioned her as a trusted advisor to clients. She is particularly proficient in the following areas:

- Navigating relevant technology landscapes to guide clients toward commercially valuable innovations that both avoid third party patents and that are themselves deserving of patent protection;
- Developing patent portfolios that confer a market advantage on clients by protecting client innovations and covering competitor products;
- De-escalating and resolving disputes to avoid litigation;

- Driving enforcement against competitors who infringe on her clients' patent rights, including formulating case strategy, overseeing motion and appeal practice, and negotiating settlement;
- Attacking/defending patents in post grant proceedings;
- Drafting patent license, development, non-disclosure, employment, and consulting agreements; and
- Conducting IP due diligence for multi-million-dollar acquisitions.

Kris was recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*® in 2023 and the five years immediately preceding for Patent Law. She was recommended by *Legal 500 US* in 2019 for Patent Prosecution.

Experience

Kris provides comprehensive patent services to one of the world's leading lighting companies. Her services include advising on product design, resolving third party disputes, and securing comprehensive and aggressive patent protection. To that end, she works intimately with in-house patent counsel and inventors to understand inventions and their importance in the company's overall business strategy. Kris develops protection strategies that secure multiple layers of patent protection for key products and considers both utility and design patents when deciding how best to protect a product. She routinely oversees patentability and clearance searching to gain a better understanding of the state of the art. Said searching assists the client in avoiding potential patent infringement and helps her identify the truly novel features of the client's inventions so that she can focus protection on those features. By streamlining the patenting process, she controls costs and obtains patents as quickly as possible for her client so that they may be put to good use.

Kris develops, manages, and protects the patent portfolio for a leading floorcovering manufacturer, who has established as its primary mission the reduction of its carbon footprint. To that end, the client has invested countless resources into the development of revolutionary carbon-free and carbon-negative floorcovering products and has entrusted Kris with the protection of these innovations and its investment.

Kris drives patent procurement, patent assertion, and patent licensing for one of the world's largest developers and producers of protective fabrics for the military, fire services, and electrical industries.

Kris works intimately with the research and development team of a large sporting goods company to clear new product designs and/or recommend design strategies to minimize the company's exposure.

Education

Emory University School of Law J.D. (1998) *with honors, Order of the Coif*

Georgia Institute of Technology B.S. (1995) Industrial Engineering, *with highest honors*

Admissions

Georgia (1998)

Court Admissions

Supreme Court of Georgia (2004)

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (2004)

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (1999)

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Kilpatrick Townsend Attorneys Honored in the 2022 Edition of The Best Lawyers in America

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