

Senniger Powers LLP is an intellectual property law firm based in St. Louis, Missouri that specializes in all facets of patents, trademarks, copyrights, intellectual property litigation, and complex commercial litigation. With more than 30 intellectual property lawyers and patents scientists, many of whom are engineers or scientists with advanced degrees and far-reaching experience in a variety of technical fields, Senniger Powers is the largest IP firm in the state of Missouri, and one of the largest in the Midwest. The firm represents and provides insightful counsel to clients across the country, from Fortune 500 companies to small start-ups, allowing them to achieve a competitive advantage through strategic management of their IP portfolios.

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PRACTICE AREAS

PATENT PRACTICE

From the initial disclosure process to the development and implementation of IP strategies, our team of skilled attorneys and scientific advisers works closely with clients to examine and evaluate the intricacies of each invention, idea or process.

In addition to providing counsel on patent preparation and prosecution, our attorneys author patentability, clearance, freedom to operate, due diligence, validity and infringement opinions. The firm also protects clients' IP by drafting communications to individuals or organizations suspected of infringing on intellectual property rights, and promotes future growth and long-term success through licensing, partnering and joint research agreements.

Senniger Powers focuses its patent practice in the following areas:

CHEMICAL

Senniger Powers maintains one of the leading chemical patent practices in the United States, serving clients in areas related to chemical arts, chemical engineering and materials sciences. We have applied our expertise to innovations ranging from herbicides and alternative fuels to chemical manufacturing process engineering. In materials sciences, our attorneys work in areas related to advanced materials and coatings, biomedical materials, nuclear materials, extractive metallurgical processes and semiconductor wafer manufacture. We have also developed expertise in connection with gas and liquid phase catalytic oxidation reactions, preparation of various agrochemicals, sulfuric acid production, and lithographic plate chemistry.

PHARMACEUTICALS AND LIFE SCIENCES

Our long-standing patent work in the chemical industry was the springboard from which we established Senniger Powers as one of the leading life sciences patent firms in the United States. Our firm has been involved in the life sciences area since its inception, working in areas from X-ray contrast media in the 1960s, to immunoassays in the 1970s, to a wide range of sophisticated technologies today.

Within our life sciences/pharmaceutical practice area, we have more than ten attorneys who hold degrees in biology, chemistry, chemical engineering or organic chemistry. Our clients' work has focused on a range of technologies — from DNA polymerase and bioinformatics to recombinant plant products and animal pharmaceuticals.

Senniger Powers has consistently been ranked as one of the top biotechnology/drug patent firms in the nation.

PATENT PRACTICE (CONT.)**MECHANICAL**

Following the lead of the late Irving Powers, one of the nation's premier mechanical IP attorneys, we provide counsel in a broad range of mechanical areas including machines, materials and process concepts, manufacturing processes, and civil, structural and industrial engineering concepts and techniques. We have experience with inventions ranging from household products and vending machines to medical devices, aircraft engines and semiconductor manufacturing equipment and processes.

Our mechanical patent attorneys are experts in conducting patent searches, preparing and prosecuting patent applications, enforcing patents, rendering right-to-use and validity opinions, counseling clients regarding infringement and licensing issues, and conducting due diligence studies. Beyond acquiring and protecting intellectual property in the United States, our attorneys regularly obtain and enforce our clients' intellectual property holdings in foreign countries.

ELECTRONICS, COMPUTER SYSTEMS AND SOFTWARE

Senniger Powers has a deep understanding of the IP legal issues related to electrical systems, electronics, computer systems, software and related technical fields including analog and digital circuitry, semiconductors, micro-electromechanical machines (MEMS), motors, optics, superconducting magnets, signal processing and telecommunications. We also have substantial expertise in computer hardware and software. Operating systems, web-based services, neural networks, messaging systems, databases, encryption, digital signatures, metadata handling, and imaging are but a few of the many areas of leading-edge technology in which the firm has been involved.

BUSINESS METHODS AND E-COMMERCE

With substantial experience working with unique business methods and Internet technologies, we have frequently counseled clients regarding Internet systems and processes, and other on-line and off-line methods of providing products and services. Web site structures, encryption, digital signatures, metadata handling and imaging are but a few of the many types of leading-edge technologies in which the firm has been involved. Our attorneys are well-versed and experienced in the field, allowing them to provide protection for our clients in this rapidly changing area.

LITIGATION

Our litigation practice is headed by experienced trial attorneys who have established excellent reputations in intellectual property as well as complex commercial and appellate litigation. Our litigators have extensive experience representing clients in federal and state courts at all levels, and in government adversary proceedings. The close relationship between litigators and patent and trademark prosecution specialists within the firm facilitates the use of technical expertise in the courtroom. Our experience in appellate and complex motion practice provides our clients with a powerful array of litigation resources.

Litigation matters handled by the firm include patent and trademark infringement, antitrust concerns, breach of contract, copyright infringement, unfair competition, defense of trade secrets and other complex commercial litigation. We also represent clients' interests in government proceedings such as patent interference proceedings before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences and trademark and service mark opposition and cancellation proceedings before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board.

Collectively, our litigation partners have obtained several multi-million-dollar judgments, handled hundreds of intellectual property lawsuits, defended large corporations in antitrust, commercial, product liability, constitutional, and sophisticated appellate matters.

TRADEMARK PRACTICE

Trademarks, which have been called the "fingerprints of commerce," have been central to the firm's practice since its inception nearly 90 years ago. Our trademark practice is distinguished from other firms in that we take a creative, problem-solving approach to the entire process, from trademark selection through registration and renewal.

To help clients assess the availability of prospective marks, Senniger Powers employs a wide variety of subscriber-based as well as Internet-based searching tools. We also use state-of-the-art docketing software and techniques to monitor our clients' trademark portfolios, which cumulatively encompass more than 5,000 trademark applications and registrations in the United States and abroad.

In addition to trademark prosecution and maintenance, Senniger Powers' trademark attorneys counsel clients on a variety of topics, including infringement risks, combating infringement and dilution, domain name registration and use of trademarks on the Internet.

COPYRIGHT PRACTICE

From multi-million dollar software programs to the work of a local photographer, Senniger Powers believes that all forms of expression are valuable and deserve the same degree of intellectual property vigilance. Senniger Powers has considerable experience in helping its clients obtain and protect their rights against the unauthorized copying of creative works.

In addition to copyright registration, attorneys at Senniger Powers offer advice in a variety of copyright-related areas, including qualifying for copyright protection, copyright infringement, fair use, obtaining permission to use a copyrighted work, and the use and protection of copyrighted works on the Internet.

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