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EDUCATION

- Valparaiso University School of Law, J.D., 2008
- Vanderbilt University, B.E., Electrical Engineering, 2005

ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- Missouri
- US Patent and Trademark Office

Addressing the intellectual property needs of both large corporate clients and individuals, Thad works extensively on patent protection and other IP related issues for a variety of industries, including aviation components and control, security electronics, rail and automotive transportation, electrical computer hardware design, mechanical kitchen and cookware, sports and mobile software applications.

Thad assists clients with a variety of intellectual property matters including domestic and foreign patent prosecution, patent litigation, particularly in the areas of electrical and mechanical engineering, post-grant procedures at the United States Patent and Trademark Office, trademark prosecution and clearance, and copyright registration and enforcement. He is admitted to practice law in both Missouri and Illinois as well as before the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

As a lifelong gamer, Thad has a deep understanding of the fast moving and fast developing eSports industry. For his eSports clients, Thad is able to provide guidance and counsel regarding a large range of intellectual property matters to assist these companies in becoming major players in the burgeoning market.

During his time at Vanderbilt University, Thad studied electrical engineering and was part of a select group of students who designed a missile guidance system for the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command (AMCOM). During his time in law school, Thad spent time working at a German patent firm where he gained valuable experience working on oppositions, appeals and office action before the European Patent Office. He currently sits as vice chair on the steering committee of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis's Patent, Trademark, and Copyright Section promoting development and training of intellectual property skills to bar members in the St. Louis area.

Recognitions

- Listed in "Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch" for Intellectual Property Law in

St. Louis, Missouri, 2021-2024 (by BL Rankings)

- Named a 2021 "Up & Coming" Attorney by Missouri Lawyers Media

Presentations

- "The Law Surrounding Blockchain Technology"; Disrupt ICT Workshop, Wichita KS, June 13, 2018