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EDUCATION

J.D., cum laude
The John Marshall Law School, 2008
M.S., Electrical Engineering
University of Dayton, 2003
B.S., magna cum laude, Electrical Engineering
University of Dayton, 2002

BAR ADMISSIONS

U.S. Court of Appeals, Vet. App.
U.S. Dist. Court, S.D. Illinois
Illinois
U.S. Patent & Trademark Office
U.S. Dist. Court, N.D. Illinois
U.S. Court of Appeals, Vet. Claims

Brad Nykiel focuses his practice on patent preparation and prosecution, as well as opinions. He regularly advises clients on a range of intellectual property rights issues, handling clearance work and providing right-to-use analysis. Brad's clients are leading companies working primarily on electrical and electrical-mechanical technologies.

With a background in electrical engineering, Brad was a research engineer with Wright-Patterson Air Force Research Labs for three years before entering law school. That experience informs his patent practice as he gained invaluable insights into the day-to-day demands on engineers and other inventors. As a result, Brad understands how to support his clients in ways that best serve their immediate needs and broader business goals.

Clients appreciate Brad's responsiveness and attention to every detail, including his ability to manage the many deadlines inherent in patent prosecution. He is known for thoroughly addressing client questions, providing information they may not have even thought they needed yet. In this way, Brad is always thinking forward to what his clients will require. He keeps current on the law, adapting his practices as quickly as possible to ensure his clients maintain a competitive edge and can leverage new opportunities.

EXPERIENCE | LEGAL

- **Brinks, Gilson & Lione**, Chicago, Illinois
Shareholder, 2018-Present
Associate, September 2008-2017
Summer Associate, Summer 2007

EXPERIENCE | NON-LEGAL

- **Packer Engineering**, Naperville, Illinois
Intern, Summer 2006
- **Wright-Patterson Air Force Base**, Ohio
Sensors Directorate, Aerospace Components Division
Associate Electronics Engineer, August 2003 - August 2005

Biographies | E. Brandon (Brad) Nykiel

- **General Motors Electro-Motive Division**, LaGrange, Illinois
Reliability Centered Maintenance Department
Engineering Intern, Summer 2000, Summer 2001

EXPERIENCE | CLERKSHIPS & INTERNSHIPS

- **United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois**, Chicago, Illinois
Judicial Extern to the Honorable Judge John Darrah, January 2007 - April 2007

PRACTICE GROUPS

Post-Grant Patent
Trade Secrets
Patent Prosecution
International Patent
Litigation

FORWARD THINKING

Alerts

- U.S. Senate Passes Federal Trade Secrets Act, April 08, 2016
- Federal Circuit Concludes Differently on Two Exceptional Case Actions, June 12, 2017

HONORS

- Managing Editor, *The John Marshall Review of Intellectual Property Law*, 2007-2008
- Intellectual Property Law Certificate, The John Marshall Law School, 2008
- Thomas Armstrong Award for Outstanding Electrical Engineering Achievement, 2002
- ITA Collegiate Scholar Athlete All-American, 2000-2002
- Atlantic 10 Academic All-Conference Team Member, 2001-2002
- Atlantic 10 Men's Tennis All-Conference Team Member, 2001

AFFILIATIONS

- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)
- American Bar Association

TECHNICAL BACKGROUND

- Analog Electronics
- Digital Electronics
- Semiconductors
- Signal Processing