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OVERVIEW

As an intellectual property attorney, Brendan loves digging into the details of clients' matters.

With a lifelong interest in science and logic, Brendan earned a degree in physics but knew he didn't want to spend his career in a lab. He was drawn instead to patent law, a field where he could apply his scientific knowledge to protect new technologies. His physics training also proved to be excellent preparation for a legal career: in physics, every force must be accounted for.

Brendan's background taught him to dive deeply into the facts of legal matters. He's known as a thoughtful attorney who's willing to spend the time necessary to thoroughly understand clients' cases and how this fits into the bigger picture of their business plan.

Brendan also fiercely advocates for clients during litigation, and he's passionate about protecting and defending their intellectual property. He finds great satisfaction in knowing he has fixed a problem for a client so that their business, and related new technologies, can continue forward.

Industries

Manufacturing
Technology
Transportation

Services

eDiscovery Solutions
Intellectual Property
Intellectual Property Litigation
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Experience

- Prevailed before the Federal Circuit on behalf of international motor manufacturer in patent case involving complex applications of Illinois contract law to intellectual property licensing agreements.
- Represented multiple suppliers and retailer of lithium-ion battery-powered products and portable power solutions defending patent infringement claims in a case before the United States International Trade Commission. Obtained early termination (dismissal) of our clients after presenting our clients' positions regarding invalidity, unclean hands, and non-infringement.

Recognition

- Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers, Rising Star, 2023-2025
- Missouri Bar Pro Bono Wall of Fame, 2021

Education

- J.D., Vanderbilt University Law School
  - *Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law*
- B.S., Saint Louis University
  - Physics
  - *cum laude*
  - Boeing B.O.L.D. Scholar

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Admissions

- Missouri
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri

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