

# PANITCH Intellectual Property Law SCHWARZE

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## IP Protection

Focused on matters solely involving intellectual property, our firm protects and enforces your company's most valued intellectual property assets. We have a highly specialized team of advocates that provide litigation, licensing, and strategic counseling services relating to patents, trademarks, copyrights and trade secrets. Our team of approximately 25 patent and trademark practitioners has extensive experience across all areas of science, with specialized degrees (many with advanced degrees) in areas such as mechanical, electrical, biomedical and chemical engineering, microbiology, chemistry, and physics. We are committed to understanding the intricate products and processes of our clients, tailoring our services to meet unique client needs and advise on the best forms of protection.

The firm's clientele spans across industries, running the gamut from the pharmaceutical industry to the gaming and toy industry. Whether assisting an individual inventor in securing a trademark or representing a Fortune 500 company in high stakes litigation, Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel LLP addresses each client need with the responsiveness and personalized attention characteristic of a sophisticated boutique firm. Below is a list of industries with which we have extensive experience.

- International IP Protection
- IP Acquisitions
- IP Agreements
- IP Appeals

## Attorneys / Agents

Martin G. Belisario  
Dennis J. Butler  
Ragi A.I. Elias  
Weihong Hsing  
Clark A. Jablon  
Keith A. Jones  
Leslie L. Kasten Jr.  
Sandra M. Katz  
Bridget H. Labutta  
Stephen E. Murray  
Alan S. Nadel  
Ronald L. Panitch  
William W. Schwarze  
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Carly A. Shanahan  
John D. Simmons  
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## Industries Served

Agriculture  
Automotive  
Pharmaceuticals / Biotechnology / Chemicals  
Business Services  
Construction  
Consumer Goods / Retail  
Electronics / Manufacturing / Machinery  
Energy  
Entertainment  
Financial / Banking  
Medical / Medical Equipment / Medical Devices  
Technology / Software

**7 Panitch Schwarze Attorneys Named Among 'Best Lawyers in America' // August 15, 2017**

The intellectual property law firm of Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel LLP is pleased to announce that seven of its attorneys have been named to the 2018 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*®, one of the legal profession's oldest and most respected peer-review publications. [Read more](#)

**Panitch Schwarze Life Sciences Practice Leader Speaks at Biotechnology Conference in Shanghai // July 14, 2017**

Dr. Weihong Hsing discussed IP protection for CAR-T cancer therapy [Read more](#)

**John D. Simmons and Bridget H. Labutta Attend Global IP Conference // June 27, 2017**

Intellectual property attorneys John D. Simmons and Bridget H. Labutta attended the May conference of the International Trademark Association in Barcelona, Spain. During the conference, more than 10,200 brand management, trademark, and other IP professionals met for five days of intense learning, business strategy meetings, and networking. [Read more](#)

**Panitch Schwarze Attorney Honored with Lifetime Achievement Award // June 8, 2017**

Intellectual property lawyer given Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award [Read more](#)

**Chambers USA Ranks Panitch Schwarze Among Top IP Attorneys for 2017 // May 26, 2017**

Philadelphia and Wilmington IP lawyers ranked among top intellectual property practitioners in U.S. [Read more](#)

**John D. Simmons to Lead Philadelphia IP Law Association // May 18, 2017**

Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel is proud to announce that partner John D. Simmons has been elected to serve as president of the Philadelphia Intellectual Property Law Association (PIPLA). [Read more](#)

**Panitch Schwarze Life Sciences Practice Leader Speaks at International Pharma IP Summit // December 15, 2016**

Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel intellectual property attorney Weihong Hsing, Ph.D., recently participated in the China Pharma Intellectual Property Summit 2016. [Read more](#)

**Panitch Schwarze Attorney Named to Board of Directors of Eastern Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce // November 11, 2016**

Philadelphia intellectual property law firm Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel is pleased to announce that attorney Stephen E. Murray has been named to the Board of Directors of the Eastern Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce. He is also a member of the EMCCC Technology Committee. [Read more](#)

**Panitch Schwarze Named 'Top IP Firm' by Philadelphia Business Journal // October 21, 2016**

Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel LLP has been listed among the top Intellectual Property law firms in the greater Philadelphia area. [Read more](#)

**Panitch Schwarze Attorneys to Help Govern Philadelphia IP Law Association // October 11, 2016**

The Philadelphia intellectual property law firm Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel is proud to announce that two of its attorneys have been elected to leadership roles in the Philadelphia Intellectual Property Law Association (PIPLA) for the 2016 – 2017 program year. John D. Simmons will serve as President-Elect and Keith A. Jones will serve on

the Board of Governors. [Read more](#)

**Partner Jeffrey W. Gluck Attends AIPPI World Congress //** September 16, 2016

Panitch Schwarze intellectual property attorney attends 2016 AIPPI World Congress in Milan, Italy. [Read more](#)

**IP Attorney Bridget H. Labutta to Participate in Villanova Law School Roundtable //** September 5, 2016

Intellectual property Attorney Bridget H. Labutta to Participate in Villanova Law School Roundtable [Read more](#)

**PTAB Grants Rehearing of Patent in Delaware Litigation //** February 4, 2016

**In a rare move**, the U.S. Patent Trial and Appeal Board recently granted rehearing of its denial to institute *inter partes* review of Greatbatch Ltd.'s U.S. Patent No. 7,327,553. [Read more](#)

**Top Patent Trends for 2016 //** January 6, 2016

The protection of intellectual property rights through the use of patents remains critically important in today's global economy. Court decisions in 2015 affected important elements of patent law and laid the foundation for continuing evolution of the law in 2016. [Read more](#)

**Panitch Schwarze Attorneys Recognized as 'Leaders in their Field' in Chambers USA 2015 //** June 16, 2015

Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel LLP is pleased to announce that Ronald L. Panitch, William W. Schwarze, Martin G. Belisario, Alan S. Nadel, and Clark A. Jablon have been ranked as "Leaders in their Field" in the 2015 Chambers & Partners USA Directory in the field of Intellectual Property law. [Read more](#)

**9 Panitch Schwarze Attorneys Named Pennsylvania 'Super Lawyers' and 'Rising Stars' for 2015 //** May 15, 2015

Panitch Schwarze Belisario and Nadel LLP is pleased to announce that Ronald L. Panitch, William W. Schwarze, Martin G. Belisario, and Alan S. Nadel have been named to the Pennsylvania Super Lawyers list as five of the top attorneys in Pennsylvania for 2015. [Read more](#)

**Panitch Schwarze Named a Top IP Law Firm by Forbes //** May 4, 2015

Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel LLP, an intellectual property law firm, is pleased and honored to announce that Forbes magazine has recognized it as a top IP law firm in the Forbes Legal Black Book created by Forbes Business Division. [Read more](#)

**Panitch Schwarze Attorneys Named 2015 'IP Stars' //** April 15, 2015

Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel LLP, an intellectual property law firm, is pleased to announce that attorneys Ronald L. Panitch, William W. Schwarze, and Alan S. Nadel have been named 2015 IP Stars by Managing Intellectual Property, a leading source of news and analysis on intellectual property issues worldwide. [Read more](#)

**PTAB Rules in favor of BBiTV against Hawaiian Telcom //** April 1, 2015

Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel LLP is pleased to announce that today the United States Patent and Trademark Office's Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) ruled in favor of its client Broadband iTV, Inc. ("BBiTV"). [Read more](#)

**Subject Matter Conflicts in IP //** October 2, 2014

John Steele, Esq., will give a presentation on Subject Matter Conflicts in IP. CLE will be applied for but is not guaranteed [Read more](#)

**Panitch Schwarze Opens New Location in Delaware //** September 10, 2014

Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel LLP is pleased to announce its expansion of its Intellectual Property practice with the opening of a new Wilmington, Delaware office. [Read more](#)

**Panitch Schwarze Announces New Location in Delaware // August 25, 2014**

Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel LLP is pleased to announce its expansion of its Intellectual Property practice with the opening of a new Wilmington office at the Wells Fargo Tower, 2200 Concord Pike, Suite 201, Wilmington, DE 19803. [Read more](#)

**5 Panitch Schwarze Intellectual Property Attorneys Named in 'Best Lawyers in America' 2015 // August 19, 2014**

Intellectual Property attorneys from Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel LLP were included in the oldest and most respected peer-review publication in the legal profession. Best Lawyers recognized each of these attorneys for their Intellectual Property practice. [Read more](#)

**U.S. Supreme Court Ruling Impacts Business-Related Software Inventions // July 14, 2014**

The U.S. Supreme Court recently ruled on a patent case, Alice Corp. v. CLS Bank, regarding whether business-related software inventions are entitled to patent protection under 35 U.S.C. § 101, which defines the statutory categories of inventions entitled to patent protection. [Read more](#)

**Panitch Schwarze Intellectual Property Attorneys Recognized as 'Leaders in their Field' in Chambers USA 2014 // July 10, 2014**

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**Inequitable Conduct: A Recap of Therasense and Subsequent CAFC Decisions // June 26, 2014**

Summer Associate William Kaufmann will give a presentation on Inequitable Conduct. Lunch will be provided. CLE is being applied for but is not guaranteed. [Read more](#)

**8 Panitch Schwarze Intellectual Property Attorneys Named Pennsylvania 'Super Lawyers' and 'Rising Stars' for 2014 // May 23, 2014**

Panitch Schwarze Belisario and Nadel LLP is pleased to announce that Ronald L. Panitch, William W. Schwarze, Martin G. Belisario, and Alan S. Nadel have been selected to the Pennsylvania "Super Lawyers" list as four of the top attorneys in Pennsylvania for 2013. [Read more](#)

**Australian and New Zealand Patent Law // May 14, 2014**

Matt Adams, Partner with AJ Park in New Zealand, will hold a presentation on various updates in New Zealand and Australian patent law. Lunch will be served. CLE will be applied for but is not guaranteed [Read more](#)

**Panitch Schwarze Ranked Among 2014 'Best Law Firms' // November 1, 2013**

*U.S. News* has named Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel LLP as a 2014 Best Lawyers® "Best Law Firm." and was specifically mentioned nationally and in the Philadelphia metropolitan area for Intellectual Property. [Read more](#)

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**Recent Rulings Affecting IP Law // July 25, 2013**

A presentation on recent Supreme Court and Federal Circuit cases impacting IP Law will be led by our summer Associate William Kaufmann. Lunch will be provided. CLE is being applied for but is not guaranteed. [Read more](#)

#### **Dennis Butler Elected to Executive Committee of Brehon Law Society // June 29, 2012**

Dennis Butler, Attorney at Panitch Schwarze Belisario and Nadel LLP, was elected to the Executive Committee of the Brehon Law Society, a legal organization comprised of attorneys, judges and law students of Irish descent. [Read more](#)

#### **Panitch Schwarze Attorney Weihong Hsing Speaks on IP Protection When Outsourcing // May 8, 2012**

Dr. Weihong Hsing, Attorney at Panitch Schwarze Belisario and Nadel LLP, will be a featured speaker at the upcoming ICSE Conference in Philadelphia, Pa on May 22-23. ICSE is a dedicated outsourcing conference and exposition for the pharma industry, connecting the pharma community with outsourcing solution providers and industry experts sharing their firsthand insights. [Read more](#)

#### **Panitch Schwarze IP Attorney Dennis Butler to Speak at Capstone Engineering Conference // April 3, 2012**

Dennis Butler, Attorney at Panitch Schwarze Belisario and Nadel LLP, will be the featured speaker at the upcoming Engineering Capstone Design Conference held at the Pennsylvania State University on April 21, 2012. The conference will take place at the University's Harrisburg campus. [Read more](#)

#### **Panitch Schwarze Attorney Weihong Hsing Speaks on IP Protection in China // March 20, 2012**

Dr. Weihong Hsing, Attorney at Panitch Schwarze Belisario and Nadel LLP, was a speaker at 21st Annual Partnerships in Clinical Trials on March 5 at the Orlando World Center in Orlando, Florida. Dr Hsing's presentation, "Protect Your Intellectual Property: Tools for Patent Protection When Conducting Trials in China," covered topics on the shifting trend in China from a country which primarily copied other people's products to one which plays an active role in creating new products [Read more](#)

#### **4 Panitch Schwarze Intellectual Property Attorneys Named 'Best Lawyers in America' for 2012 // November 18, 2011**

Four attorneys were recently selected by their peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2012-2013. In addition, the firm was ranked in the Best Law Firms rankings, published in November's U.S. News and World Report's Money issue. [Read more](#)

#### **Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel IP Partner Speaks at the World Trade Center's Entrepreneurship Seminar // October 7, 2011**

Philadelphia Intellectual Property attorney Martin Belisario of Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel LLP will be a featured speaker at The World Trade Center's "From Entrepreneur to Exporter" seminar to be presented at the University Science Center on October 18, 2011. Belisario will give tips on protecting and enforcing intellectual property rights in foreign markets. [Read more](#)

#### **IP Partner at Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel Speaks at Law Review CLE // April 25, 2011**

Alan S. Nadel, a Partner at Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel LLP was a speaker at the LawReviewCle's "Introduction to Copyright, Trademark & other Intellectual Property Law CLE" on March 31, 2011, at the Radisson Plaza Warwick Hotel in Philadelphia. [Read more](#)

FROM THE BLOG

June 22, 2017

#### **SCOTUS Rules Trademark Disparagement Clause Unconstitutional**

The U.S. Supreme Court recently ruled that the U.S. Trademark Office's refusal to register "The Slants" as a

trademark for an Oregon-based rock band was unconstitutional. This is a case the trademark attorneys at Panitch Schwarze have been watching closely, as this landmark decision could reshape U.S. trademark law significantly. [Read more](#)

June 7, 2017

### **UPC Update: Surprise UK Elections Likely to Delay Start of Unitary Patent System**

As we have discussed previously, European Union member countries are completing the final steps to implement an intergovernmental system that will streamline the process for securing and enforcing patent rights across Europe. Having a simpler, centralized system in place will open up a new patent portfolio management strategy for small and medium-sized IP-driven companies. [Read more](#)

January 10, 2017

### **Top IP Cases to Watch in 2017**

As 2017 gets underway, here are the top intellectual property lawsuits and legal disputes that we are watching. [Read more](#)

December 9, 2016

### **USPTO Closer to Recognizing Patent Agent Privilege?**

A key element of our justice system, the attorney-client privilege, was put in place to ensure that every citizen can obtain sound legal advice. Confidences discussed with an attorney in order to obtain legal advice are privileged from discovery in litigation. When it comes to the protection of intellectual property rights, patent attorneys, like all other lawyers, enjoy this privilege with their clients. [Read more](#)

October 20, 2016

### **Trademarks Update: Supreme Court to Decide Constitutionality of Disparagement Provision**

The U.S. Supreme Court is poised to answer a question that has plagued federal trademark law for decades: Does the government have the right to refuse to register trademarks which it has deemed “disparaging?” And, given that the First Amendment prohibits our government from restricting speech, does it make sense to have the U.S. Trademark Office approve or deny trademark registrations on grounds that may limit speech? [Read more](#)