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Patents

With the rapid advancement of new technologies in virtually all areas of science, patents continue to be one of the most important ways to protect intellectual property rights. Our attorneys recognize this and rely on their wealth of experience and knowledge to successfully guide clients through the patent process. Widely recognized as leaders in the field of intellectual property law, our attorneys are adept at handling all aspects of the patent process.

This broad range of expertise includes the preparation and prosecution of patent applications in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and foreign patent offices, new product clearance, due diligence and patentability analyses. Whether the case at hand is domestic or international in scope, the firm has the resources required to consistently meet and exceed client expectations. The firm's attorneys hold degrees in a broad range of scientific disciplines, covering areas such as electrical engineering, biology, chemistry, chemical engineering, and mechanical engineering. Further, many of the firm's attorneys possess extensive professional experience in their respective fields of expertise. Coupled with high legal acumen, this expertise allows our attorneys to effectively counsel clients and prosecute utility, design and business method patents in countless industries so that the likelihood of success is maximized.

Whether guiding a single inventor or a large corporation through the patent process, our attorneys dedicate themselves fully to ensuring that the client receives the most accurate legal and technical insights available. Inventors and innovators alike must be able to promptly understand with confidence what steps they can take to ensure that their new ideas will be protected to the greatest extent possible. Further, they require that such protections also correspond with and maximize their business interests. Our attorneys understand these needs and possess the technical expertise, experience, and legal savvy necessary to efficiently and effectively guide clients to the best possible legal resolution.

- Global Patent Application Filing
- Global Patent Application Prosecution
- Global Patent Maintenance
- Patent Audits
- Patent Application Appeals
- Patent Application Preparation
- Patent Counseling
- Patent Evaluation
- Patent / Invention-Related Agreements
- Patent Litigation
- Patent Post-Grant Procedures
- Patent Transactions

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After Final Practice at the USPTO // June 16, 2017

Mr. Schwarze will discuss and provide useful tips regarding After Final Office Action Practice at the USPTO. [Read more](#)

Inventor Lonnie Johnson, Panitch Schwarze Client, Featured on CBS News

Lonnie Johnson, inventor of the patented Super Soaker® water gun, recently was interviewed for CBS News by Mo Rocca. Johnson is a client of Panitch Schwarze's. [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](#)

The Legal Intelligencer's 'Top Verdicts of 2016' Includes Win by Panitch Schwarze Partner // May 23, 2017

Partner John D. Simmons' work with Dominion Resources was included in The Legal Intelligencer's "Top Pennsylvania Verdicts of 2016." [Read more](#)

Strategies for International Patent Application Filing CLE // May 23, 2017

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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 Partner Speaks at Joint Patent Practice CLE // May 1, 2017

Alan S. Nadel presents on international patent law at JPPCLE in New York [Read more](#)

Panitch Schwarze Partner Speaks at Joint Patent Practice CLE // April 27, 2017

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Panitch Schwarze to Remain as Litigation Counsel for Patent Owner

Dennis J. Butler continues to represent children's furniture company in patent infringement case in federal court in District of Delaware [Read more](#)

Andrew P. Baraniak Joins Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel // September 30, 2016

Experienced patent agent joins life sciences practice at Philadelphia IP firm assisting in the preparation, filing, and prosecution of patent applications as well as conducting searches and reviews to assist in the due diligence, patentability and freedom to operate analyses, specializing in the biotechnology arena. [Read more](#)

Judge Awards \$486K to Panitch Schwarze Client Dominion Inc. for Infringed Patent (Law360)

A Pennsylvania federal jury has ordered Alstom Grid LLC to pay electric company Dominion Resources Inc., a client of intellectual property law firm Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel LLP, nearly \$500,000 in royalties — which could potentially triple — for the willful infringement of a Dominion energy-conservation software patent. [Read more](#)

The European Unitary Patent System: Almost Here! // May 16, 2016

With the implementation of the European Unitary Patent System drawing near, Panitch Schwarze will host a session exploring the implications of the new system. CLE will be applied for but is not guaranteed. [Read more](#)

Dr. Carly A. Shanahan to Discuss Patent Agent Privilege at JPPCLE // April 18, 2016

Philadelphia IP firm patent agent to appear on panel at Joint Patent Practice seminar. [Read more](#)

UPC Inspection: Easy to Get? and EPO Approach to Clarity in Accordance with Article 84 EPC // March 22, 2016

Panitch Schwarze will host two presentations; CLE will be applied for but is not guaranteed. [Read more](#)

Panitch Schwarze Presents Patent Due Diligence CLE // February 18, 2016

A Patent Due Diligence CLE on IP due diligence including freedom to operate, IP portfolio assessment, patentability/validity analysis, ownership, and IP related agreements. [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](#)

The New European Patent Law and Unified Patent Court CLE Presentation // January 28, 2016

Panitch Schwarze has invited speaker Christoph Bobzien of Lippert, Stachow & Partner to present a CLE on the new European patent law and Unified Patent Court. [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](#)

What is the Status of Patents for Software Inventions, Post-Alice? // October 7, 2015

It has been more than a year since the U.S. Supreme Court issued its decision in *Alice v. CLS Bank* which ruled that the two-step *Mayo* analysis should be applied to all patents in determining patent eligibility under 35 U.S.C. 101. [Read more](#)

Partner Alan Nadel Speaks On U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Patent Litigation Alternatives // September 11, 2015

Patent attorney Alan Nadel of Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel LLP will present a CLE on effective strategies to manage patent and trademark litigation. [Read more](#)

Chinese-American Pharmaceutical Entrepreneurs Forum // June 19, 2015

Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel LLP Partner, Weihong Hsing, will be speaking at the Chinese-American Pharmaceutical Entrepreneurs Forum at Villanova University. [Read more](#)

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

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Understanding the Design Patent Hague Agreement // June 9, 2015

Martin G. Belisario will be giving a presentation on Understanding the Design Patent Hague Agreement. Lunch will be served. CLE will be applied for but is not guaranteed. [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](#)

31st Annual Joint Patent Practice Seminar // May 12, 2015

Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel LLP Partner, Clark A. Jablon, will be speaking at the 31st Annual Joint Patent Practice Seminar in New York City. [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 Telecom // 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](#)

Prosecution History Estoppel and the Doctrine of Equivalents // March 26, 2015

Ragi A. I. Elias and Carly A. Shanahan will be giving a presentation on Prosecution History Estoppel and the Doctrine of Equivalents. Lunch will be served. CLE will be applied for but is not guaranteed. [Read more](#)

Panitch Schwarze Expands Pharmaceutical and Biotechnology IP Practice // February 11, 2015

Panitch Schwarze Belisario and Nadel LLP continues to build on the strength of its Pharmaceutical and Biotechnology practices with the addition of Scientific Advisor, Dr. Sara E. Sims. [Read more](#)

Writing Patent Applications for the EPO – EP Law and Practice Update // January 29, 2015

Hans Christoph Bobzien, European Patent Attorney, Partner with Lippert Stachow in Bergisch Gladbach, Germany, will give a presentation on Writing patent applications for the EPO – EP law and practice update. Lunch will be served. CLE will be applied for but is not guaranteed. [Read more](#)

2014 Year in Review and 2015 Trends for Patents // January 13, 2015

2014 was widely viewed as a train wreck for patent owners and patent applicants. Patent litigants were painted as shakedown artists, and courts struck down many conventional damages models such that even successful litigants (e.g., Apple) saw their awards cut significantly. [Read more](#)

Panitch Schwarze Successful in Defeating Inter Partes Review Attempt by Unified Patents Inc. // January 8, 2015

Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel LLP is pleased to announce that on behalf of its client, Broad Band iTV (BBiTV), it has been successful in defeating an attempt by Unified Patents, Inc. to initiate an Inter Partes Review before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board against BBiTV's patent. [Read more](#)

Panitch Schwarze Ranked Among 2015 'Best Law Firms' // November 3, 2014

U.S. News has named Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel LLP as a 2015 Best Lawyers® "Best Law Firm." and was specifically mentioned nationally and in the Philadelphia metropolitan area for Intellectual Property. [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](#)

AIA Post-Grant Review and Monitoring of Third-Party U.S. Patent Grants // September 25, 2014

Update pertaining to the USPTO's Post-Grant Review procedure, and our complimentary patent monitoring service. [Read more](#)

Patent Monetization // September 12, 2014

Clark Jablon, Esq., Partner at Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel, LLC, spoke on "Patent Monetization" at the Philadelphia Association of Paralegals' Education Conference on September 12, 2014. [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](#)

Best Practices in Intellectual Property Deadline Management // September 9, 2014

Martin G. Belisario, Partner with Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel LLP, will give a presentation on Best Practices for managing Patent and Trademark prosecution deadlines. Lunch will be provided. CLE will be applied for but is not guaranteed. [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](#)

Recent Rulings Affecting IP Law // July 31, 2014

Summer Associate William Kaufmann will give a presentation on recent Supreme Court and Federal Circuit cases impacting IP Law. Lunch will be provided. CLE is being applied for but is not guaranteed. [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 Welcomes New IP Partner Jeffrey Gluck // July 10, 2014

Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel LLP is pleased to announce the arrival of the firm's newest Partner, Dr. Jeffrey W. Gluck. [Read more](#)

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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](#)

Post-Grant Review // May 29, 2014

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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](#)

Inter Partes Review (IPR) // April 24, 2014

Steve Murray, of Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel, LLP will discuss Inter Partes Review. Lunch will be served. CLE is being applied for but is not guaranteed. [Read more](#)

Prosecuting US Applications for Foreign Clients // April 1, 2014

William Schwarze, partner with Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel, LLP will discuss prosecution of US patent applications for non-US clients. CLE is being applied for but is not guaranteed. [Read more](#)

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The Rise of Non-Practicing Entity (NPE) Patent Litigation // July 13, 2013

The biggest news of this year in the patent industry is the dramatic increase in patent litigations filed by non-practicing entities, or NPEs. A record 60 percent of all patent litigations in the past year were filed by NPEs, which affects the entire landscape of patent litigation. [Read more](#)

Review of Recent Cases Involving Obviousness // April 25, 2013

A presentation on several recent cases related to obviousness will be led by Christopher Stabler, summer associate at Panitch, Schwarze, Belisario & Nadel, LLP. [Read more](#)

Claim Construction: Ensuring that the Judge Learns What the Patent Teaches (or Does Not Teach!) // March 13, 2013

Steven Rushefsky, Vice President, DecisionQuest NY, will give a presentation on Claim Construction and ensuring that the Judge learns what the patent teaches (or does not teach). Lunch will be provided. CLE will be applied for but is not guaranteed. [Read more](#)

First-Inventor-to-File // February 28, 2013

Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel LLP will give a presentation on the AIA First-Inventor-To-File standards going into effect on March 16, 2013. CLE will be applied for but is not guaranteed. [Read more](#)

Panitch Schwarze Promotes Weihong Hsing to Partner // January 1, 2013

Panitch Schwarze Belisario and Nadel LLP is pleased to announce that patent attorney, Dr. Weihong Hsing, has been named partner of the firm. Dr. Hsing specializes in patent related issues in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical arts. [Read more](#)

Panitch Schwarze IP Attorney to Serve as Panelist at the SAPA Annual Conference // June 21, 2012

Dr. Weihong Hsing, Attorney at Panitch Schwarze Belisario and Nadel LLP, will serve as a panelist for "Outsourcing to China and Entering the U.S. Market," at the Sino-American Pharmaceutical Professionals Association's 10th Annual Conference on June 22, 2012, in Philadelphia. [Read more](#)

What Companies Need to Know about the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act (AIA) Patent Reform Legislation: Part III // May 1, 2012

Part III of this series of articles examines the changeover from a "first-to-invent" to a "first-to-file" system. [Read more](#)

Panitch Schwarze IP Attorney Alan Nadel Speaks on the Ethics of Patenting the Human Genome // April 12, 2012

Panitch Schwarze partner, Alan Nadel, will be discussing "The Human Blueprint Up For Sale? The Ethics of Patenting the Human Genome and other Materials of Nature under US Law and Jewish Ethics" on April 24 at the firm in Philadelphia, Pa. [Read more](#)

What Companies Need to Know about the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act (AIA) Patent Reform Legislation: Part II // April 1, 2012

Part II of this series of articles looks at new examination provisions, fees, fee structures, and review processes. [Read more](#)

What Companies Need to Know about the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act (AIA) Patent Reform Legislation: Part I // March 1, 2012

Part I of this series of articles will focus mainly on key litigation-related provisions that are effective now. [Read more](#)

Panitch Schwarze Hosts Leahy-Smith America Invents Act Live Seminar & Webinar // December 16, 2011

Panitch Schwarze attorneys Alan Nadel, Clark Jablon, John Simmons, and Dennis Butler hosted a live seminar and webcast entitled "Leahy-Smith America Invents Act" on November 30, 2011. The presentation discussed major changes found in the sweeping new law including the introduction of the first-to-file system, the post grant review proceedings, and the impact this will have on patent litigation. [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](#)

Sweeping Patent Law Reform Enacted // September 16, 2011

The Leahy-Smith America Invents Act (AIA) has been signed into law, resulting in the most sweeping changes to U.S. patent law in decades. [Read more](#)

A Primer on Establishing an Effective Patent Program // September 1, 2011

This column is the fourth in a four-part series examining the latest developments in the vital area of patents, particularly those that relate to the display industry. [Read more](#)

The Importance of Proper Patent Marking: What You Don't Know May Hurt You, Monetarily // July 1, 2011

This article is a segment from the July 2011 newsletter covering the importance of proper patent marketing. [Read more](#)

How to Patent Inventions on a Tight Corporate Budget // October 1, 2010

Much can be done to control the costs of the patent process while still maintaining high quality of the resultant patent portfolio. [Read more](#)

FROM THE BLOG

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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](#)

[May 22, 2017](#)

U.S. Supreme Court Upsets 30 Years of Precedent, Changing Where Companies Can Be Sued for Patent Infringement

The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday, May 22, 2017, changed the playing field regarding where patent owners can file infringement lawsuits against accused infringers. [Read more](#)

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Chinese Companies Awarded More U.S. Patents in 2016

By Weihong Hsing, Esq. and Jibo Wu, Esq. U.S. patent data recently released by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office confirms that IBM was again awarded the most U.S. patents in 2016 – a whopping 8088! Other U.S. companies in the top 10 were Qualcomm, Google, Intel, and Microsoft, with Apple coming in at number... [Read more](#)

[December 9, 2016](#)

USPTO Closer to Recognizing Patent Agent Privilege?

By Carly A. Shanahan, Ph.D. 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... [Read more](#)

July 21, 2016

NO PATENT FOR YOU! Can a software-related claim that recites only generic computer elements be statutory under 35 USC 101?

By Clark A. Jablon, Esq. Unlike the infamous Seinfeld “Soup Nazi” episode – in which you could get your soup if you just kept your head down, did not engage in small talk with the owner, or ask for free bread – software inventors are finding it difficult, and sometimes impossible, to obtain patents or... [Read more](#)