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Chris works with clients to maximize the value of their intellectual property through strategic development, assertion, and defense of patent rights.

Chris has a passion for helping clients differentiate themselves in the marketplace of ideas and products. No client is too big or too small. Chris counsels clients from single inventors with an idea, to global Fortune 500 companies with broad patent portfolios. Chris takes a pragmatic approach, tailoring the patent strategy to the larger business needs.

As an intellectual property attorney in the Dorsey's Denver office, Chris uses his considerable experience as a former vice president of product development and in house intellectual property counsel, and chief engineer at multiple high technology startups, and within a national laboratory to help clients build value through smart development and defense of intellectual property rights.

Patent law is a two-sided coin: prosecution – developing patent rights, and litigation – asserting or defending against assertions of those rights.

On the prosecution side of the coin Chris develops global patent strategy, drafts and prosecutes patent applications, performs patent due diligence, portfolio evaluation, whitespace evaluation, assists clients in business decisions related to third-party patents and products, opinions on non-infringement and patentability.

On the litigation side, Chris has helped – as part of a litigation team – successfully defend clients' patent rights in post grant proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Chris has helped clients defend against infringement allegations and assert clients' rights against infringers.

Chris's areas of technical expertise include advanced autonomous robotics, artificial intelligence, life-saving medical devices, augmented reality, amusement park technology,

Education

- University of Denver, Sturm College of Law (J.D., 2018)
 - Kenneth Smith award for highest GPA, evening division
 - Order of the Coif
 - Intellectual property law certificate
 - Academic Achievement Program tutor – Constitutional Law
 - Reese Persuasive Writing Award
 - Hoffman Cup mock trial competition quarterfinalist – advocate
 - CU-DU Hogan-Lovells Cup quarterfinalist – witness
 - CLE presenter / student member of the Colorado Intellectual Property American Inn of Court
 - Merit Scholarships:

cleantech such as hydrogen and fuel cells, consumer products, energy systems, software, and other industrial applications.

Chris is committed to *pro bono* legal work and has represented clients in patent work, appeals against the Department of Veterans Affairs, and is a repeat volunteer to help ensure free and fair elections remain a centerpiece of the American system of government.

Accolades

- Consistently providing pro bono legal assistance to those in need through Dorsey's Pro Bono program
- Dorsey & Whitney – Scales of Justice Team Award (Veterans Rights Team), 2025
- Recognized by United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) for Patent Pro Bono Service, 2019

Languages

- English
- French

Additional Information

See google scholar: <http://goo.gl/vTKF3C>

LEGAL

- Jan Laitos & Chris Ainscough, *The Paralysis Paradox and the Untapped Role of Science in Solving "Big" Environmental Problems*, 30.3 GEORGETOWN ENV. L. REV. 409 (2018).
- THE REGULATION OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES AND HAZARDOUS WASTES, Jan G. Laitos (2018 ed.) – student editor.
- *DeepSouth Will Rise Again — The Argument in Favor of The Federal Circuit's Holding in Promega Corp. v. Life Technologies*, 12 U. WASH. J. L. & TECH. 159 (2017).
- LAW OF PROPERTY RIGHTS PROTECTION LIMITATIONS ON GOVERNMENTAL POWERS, by Jan G. Laitos (2017 ed.) – student editor.
- *New Opportunities for Small-Scale Hydropower in Colorado*, 20 U. DENV. WATER L. REV. 157 (2016).
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 - Patent inequitable conduct – Nov. 2015
 - *Inter Partes* Review – Jan. 2017

ENGINEERING

- Sprik, S., et al. Hydrogen Station Data Collection and Analysis, National Renewable

Kenneth L. Smith
Scholarship;
Crimson & Gold
Scholarship;
McWilliams
Scholarship; Donald
Gorder Scholarship;
Michael and
Charlene Gustafson
Scholarship (two-
time recipient); Jan
M. and Marjorie G.
Laitos J.D.
Scholarship (two-
time recipient)

- University of
Pennsylvania (M.S.,
Mechanical
Engineering, 2002)
- Colorado School of
Mines (B.S.,
Mechanical
Engineering, 1997)
 - High Scholastic
Honors

Bar Admissions

- United States Patent
and Trademark Office
- Colorado

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- Satyapal, S., et al. (2015). US Department of Energy Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Tech-to-Market Activities and National Laboratory Impact Initiatives. Meeting Abstracts, The Electrochemical Society.
- Pratt, J., et al. (2015). "H2FIRST Reference Station Design Task."