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Nathaniel (“Nat”) Longley has a PhD in particle physics and a JD with an emphasis on Intellectual Property law. Nat provides IP management, brand protection, and transactional expertise in a wide range of technologies including cloud computing, artificial intelligence, medical devices, aerospace industries, beauty products, automation systems, and across the energy sector.

Nat has worked with Fortune 500 companies, startups, and Nobel laureates. Nat leverages his patent, transactional, IP management, and litigation experiences to help clients build and maintain outstanding, global IP portfolios that are focused on growing business value, leveraging new opportunities, and protecting market share.

Select Experience

Prosecution, Litigation & IP Enforcement

- Represent clients before the United States Patent office, Patent Trial and Appeal Board, and United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.
- Patent prosecution and IP enforcement for medical device startup, with successful licensing arrangement for products covered under newly-issued US patents.
- Defended against ex parte review of issued patent for medical device client, resulting in confirmation of all originally allowed claims (medical imaging technology).
- Patent prosecution and portfolio management for rapidly growing, high-end beauty products client, increased in less than one year from a single US patent to more than two dozen issued patents, design registrations, and new applications.

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court

Education

- University of Minnesota Law School (J.D., 2006)
 - *cum laude*; Dean’s List; Royal A. Stone Scholar
- California Institute of Technology (Postdoctoral Fellow, 1995)
 - “Physicist-in-Charge,” MACRO Experiment
- University of Minnesota (Ph.D., Physics, 1993)
 - Research Fellow, U.S. Department of Energy
- Carleton College (B.A., 1986)
 - *cum laude*; Dean’s List; National Merit Scholar

Bar Admissions

- Minnesota
- United States Patent and Trademark Office

Charitable & Civic Involvement

- Innocent Project of Minnesota
- Legal Corps USPTO Inventor Assistance Program
- 4th District Ethics Committee Investigator

Accolades

- Contributed more than 50 Diversity & Inclusion hours, 2024
- *Minnesota Monthly*, "Top Lawyer in Intellectual Property and Patent Law," 2024-2025
- Consistently providing pro bono legal assistance to those in need through Dorsey's Pro Bono program
- MSBA North Star Lawyer, 2013-2025
- *Minnesota Super Lawyers*®, "Rising Star," 2013-2017
- *IAM Patent 1000*, "World's Leading Patent Professionals," 2024-2026
- National Science Foundation Fellow

Languages

- Written Latin; newspaper-level French and Italian; FORTRAN
- C/C++; Unix
- Java
- and Python Scripts

Insights

April 7, 2022

The end of IP in Russia? Urgent, Extended Edition

September 24, 2020

USPTO Defers Provisional Filing Fees For COVID-19 Technologies, But Beware Of Early Publication

May 11, 2020

USPTO to Fast Track COVID-19 Technology Patents for Small and Micro Entities, Without Additional Fees

April 2, 2020

USPTO and Copyright Office Extend Filing Deadlines Under Cares Act (COVID-19 Emergency)