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Duke's patent practice is about *getting to yes* on behalf of his clients. With nearly three decades of experience representing Fortune 500 companies and other domestic and international businesses in the preparation and prosecution of patents, Duke is known for practical legal counsel delivered in straight-talk. His industry specific experience is extensive, and includes the highly specialized mechanical, electromechanical and optical fields, among others.

Duke is also involved in the preparation of infringement and validity opinions, and in conducting business with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. A consummate negotiator and personable by nature, Duke offers a successful track record in working effectively with the wide variety of Patent Examiners at the USPTO. Duke's ability to address the concerns of Patent Examiners and to overcome obstacles to patent issue is one of his core competencies.

PRACTICE AREAS

Patents

INDUSTRIES

Mechanical & Electromechanical

BACKGROUND

Loyal, trustworthy and adaptable, Duke is valued for his ability to build relationships and *get things done through people*. As a result, many of Duke's clients have stayed with him over the long run, and some for literally decades.

AWARDS & DISTINCTIONS

- *Best Lawyers*, Patent Law, 2020

EDUCATION

J.D., University of Akron, 1984

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