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Steve McNiff is counsel in the firm's Intellectual Property Litigation Group. Steve's practice includes all areas of intellectual property litigation and counseling, with a particular emphasis on patent litigation and enforcement. He has represented clients in patent infringement lawsuits in the International Trade Commission and federal district courts across the United States, including cases involving telecommunications, computer software, speech coding, radio frequency chipset design and wireless encryption.

Steve is a member of the Georgia Bar and is also registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office. In addition to his litigation practice, he is experienced in the preparation and prosecution of patents relating to software applications, wireless communication systems, computer implemented methods of doing business, and various electrical and mechanical inventions.

Steve received his J.D., cum laude, from Duke University in 2003. He received his M.S. in electrical engineering from Florida Institute of Technology in 1998 and his B.S. in electrical engineering from the University of Florida in 1995. Before law school, he was employed as an electrical engineer in the Digital Signal Processing Group at Northrop Grumman Corp., where he worked on the design and implementation of military radar systems.

Representative Experience

- *In the Matter of Certain Microprocessors, Components Thereof, and Products Containing Same*; Investigation No. 337-TA-781; representing X2Y in patent infringement litigation relating to energy conditioning architecture.
- *WIAV Solutions, LLC v. Motorola, et al.*, Civil Action No. 3:09-cv-447; United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (Judge Payne; Judge O'Grady); representing Nokia in defense of patent infringement claims of 9 patents relating to speech coding and GSM/WCDMA technology.
- *Nokia Corporation v. Apple Inc.*, Civil Action No. 09-791-GMS; United States District Court for the District of Delaware (Judge Sleet); represented Nokia in patent infringement litigation against Apple over patents relating to speech coding and radio frequency chipset design.
- *Nokia Corporation v. Apple Inc.*, Civil Action No. 10-cv-249; United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin (Judge Conley); represented Nokia in patent infringement litigation against Apple over patents relating to wireless communications and radio frequency chipset design.
- *The PACID Group, LLC v. 2Wire, Inc. et al.*, Civil Action No. 6:08-cv-498; United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas (Judge Davis); represented defendant Nokia in patent infringement litigation relating to wireless encryption technology.
- *Qualcomm Incorporated v. Nokia Corporation and Nokia Inc.*, Civil Action 07-cv-0187; United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin (Judge Crabb); represented defendant Nokia in patent infringement litigation relating to wireless communications and speech coding.

- *Qualcomm v. Nokia Corporation, et al.*, Civil Action No. 2:07-cv-111; United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas; represented defendant Nokia in patent infringement litigation relating to wireless communications and smart phone technology.

Education

- Duke University (J.D., 2003)
- Florida Institute of Technology (M.S., 1998)
- University of Florida (B.S., 1995)

Admitted to Practice

- Georgia
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Related Services

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