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Overview

Nathan Ranns focuses his practice primarily on trademark and copyright prosecution, counseling, enforcement, and litigation before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board.

Nathan has experience counseling clients in enforcement strategy; filing trademark applications and responding to Office Actions; representing clients in opposition, cancellation, and concurrent use proceedings before the TTAB; conducting and reviewing global trademark clearance searches; and negotiating and drafting trademark licensing and coexistence agreements.

Prior to entering private practice, Nathan was a trademark examining attorney at the United States Patent and Trademark Office, where he examined trademark applications and drafted Office Actions. While at the USPTO, Nathan also successfully argued for affirmance of a likelihood of confusion refusal in an oral argument before the TTAB. Nathan enjoys applying his examining experience when advising clients in all aspects of trademark prosecution.

Nathan received his B.A. from the University of Michigan and his J.D. from The George Washington University Law School, where he served as the executive articles editor of the *American Intellectual Property Law Association Quarterly Journal*.

Insights

Blog | May 1, 2025

More Is More: Ensure Your Mark Is Protectable Before You Enforce

Blog | January 13, 2025

New USPTO Trademark Fees Go Into Effect January 18, 2025

Services

Trademark & Copyright Counseling & Prosecution

Domain Names & Internet

Digital Millennium Copyright Act

Transactions & Agreements

TTAB Oppositions & Cancellations

IP Licensing, Transactions & Agreements

Trademark, Copyright & Media Litigation

Industries

Software & Internet
Consumer Electronics
Digital Media & E-Commerce
Financial, Business & FinTech Services

Admissions

Illinois
Michigan
Indiana
District of Columbia
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Education

J.D., George Washington University Law School (2017) *American Intellectual Property Law Association Quarterly Journal*, Executive Articles Editor; *GW Intellectual Property and Entertainment Law Brief*, Editor-in-Chief and Founding Member
B.A., Communication Studies and Political Science, University of Michigan (2014)