

John Del Col
Associate



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Education

J.D., University of Toledo College of Law, 1997
M.B.A., University of Toledo, 1991
B.S., Mechanical Engineering, The Ohio State University, 1985

Bar Admissions

Ohio, 1998
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio
U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Memberships

Cleveland Intellectual Property Law Association
Ohio State Bar Association

Summary

Mr. Del Col is a member of the firm's Intellectual Property Litigation Team and serves as co-counsel in many of the firm's litigation cases. In this role, Mr. Del Col has been involved in many civil cases throughout the country representing the firm's various foreign and domestic clients. Mr. Del Col also supports the firm's appellate practice primarily before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Although Mr. Del Col's practice now primarily focuses on litigation and client counseling, he continues to draft and prosecute patent applications in the mechanical and electrical engineering fields.

Prior to his admission to the Ohio Bar, Mr. Del Col worked for over 10 years at Tenneco Automotive (a.k.a. Monroe Auto Equipment Company) as a development engineer and program manager. He also managed Monroe's intellectual property.

After receiving his law degree in 1997, Mr. Del Col joined the Toledo, Ohio office of Brinks, Hofer, Gilson & Lione. There, John honed his skills in patent prosecution in a variety of arts including the mechanical and electrical engineering fields.

Mr. Del Col's experience in patent litigation began in 1998 with an action in which Brinks, Hofer, Gilson & Lione represented a patentee in a case involving commercial heating, ventilation, and air conditioning equipment. In that case, the jury found that the defendant infringed the patent and awarded the patentee \$10 million. More recently, Mr. Del Col represented a defendant in a case involving equipment used for patient positioning in the course of radiation treatment. In that case, the District Court found for the defendant on summary judgment of non-infringement, a finding that was affirmed by the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals. *NOMOS Corporation v. BrainLAB USA, Inc.*, 357 F.3d 1364 (Fed. Cir. 2004).

Interests

John and his wife Beth live in the "Flats" and spend a great deal of time enjoying the variety of adventures downtown Cleveland has to offer. While watching the Indians and Browns of late has been frustrating, the Del Col's enjoy the Cavaliers and the theater district at Playhouse Square.