

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY GROUP

TECHNICAL AND LITIGATION EXPERTISE

Sutherland's intellectual property practice provides a full range of services to companies needing intellectual property services, both domestically and internationally. We assist clients with patent prosecution, validity analysis, litigation and counseling; freedom to practice opinions and patent infringement strategic counseling; technology transfer, licensing and other cooperative commercialization agreements; trade secret and technology counseling and litigation; trademark and copyright prosecution, litigation and counseling; due diligence reviews in connection with mergers and acquisitions; and intellectual property audits and evaluations. We also offer additional non-intellectual property services to our clients, such as corporate, tax and FDA consulting.

Sutherland's Intellectual Property Group has approximately 40 full-time IP attorneys, whose annotated biographies are represented below. Many of the IP attorneys have advanced technical degrees and relevant industry experience including:

- Seven (7) Biological Science Degrees;
- Eleven (11) Chemistry and Chemical Engineering Degrees;
- Twelve (12) Electrical, Computer, Civil and Mechanical Engineering Degrees;
- Eleven (11) Masters Degrees;
- Six (6) Ph.D. Degrees;
- One (1) Medical Doctorate Degree; and
- Twenty-three (23) U.S. Patent Bar Members.

Our IP Group also works closely with other groups in the firm including:

- Litigation: 134 attorneys, many of whom also have experience in antitrust, false advertising, franchising and technology disputes;
- Business Practices: 150 attorneys, many of whom have experience advising on public and private financing, due diligence, licensing and other matters; and
- Tax Practice: 88 attorneys, many of whom have particular experience with IP donations and tax-exempt research center issues.

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- M.B.A., Emory University
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- Post-doctoral fellow in pain research and gene expression at Brigham & Women's Hospital of Harvard Medical School
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- Senior patent litigator in multiple technologies
- Served on numerous committees of the Section of Science and Technology and the Litigation Section of the American Bar Association
- Professor of chemical engineering at the Georgia Institute of Technology from 1955-1967 and research engineer at the Georgia Tech Experiment Station
- Licensed professional engineer in Georgia and California
- Member of Georgia Bar and District of Columbia Bar

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- Georgia State University College of Law, *cum laude*
- B.Ch.E., Georgia Institute of Technology
- Experienced patent attorney with focus on domestic and international patent prosecution, patent portfolio management, license agreements and patent opinions
- Broad technological experience with mechanical and chemical inventions, including polymer, pulp and paper and chemical processing, with particular focus on medical devices
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- B.S. in Chemical Engineering, University of Alabama
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- Experience in prosecuting patents for packaged beverage manufacture, polymeric nonwoven fabrics, pulp and paper technology, water treatment, flexible packaging, textiles, agricultural chemicals, printing, carbon black, polymer extrusion equipment, latex gloves, xerography, electro-chemistry, ceramics and various other aspects of polymer technology
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- Experienced patent litigator in pharmaceutical technologies
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- Serves as counsel in transnational arbitration matters
- Former biochemist conducting research financed by the Mesoamerican Institute
- Experienced in technologies such as biotechnology, biochemistry, pharmaceutical, chemical, materials, communications, mechanical and electronic arts, as well as design and manufacture of products ranging from pharmaceuticals and delivery systems to athletic shoes
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- Postdoctoral research at Massachusetts Institute of Technology
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ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING

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- Experience in developing and designing software, managing web development projects, installing and implementing new software systems, and configuring software
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- Experience managing patent and commercial litigation matters involving medical devices, cooking ovens, gaming systems, and complex financial transactions.
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In addition to those attorneys with technical backgrounds who also litigate, the IP Group has a number of highly experienced trial attorneys and litigators who practice exclusively in IP.

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- Emory University School of Law, *with distinction*
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- Co-lead counsel in a Section 337 trademark-based, gray market goods proceeding before the International Trade Commission, culminating in a favorable order and opinion by the Commission for the client
- Experienced in trademark and trade dress infringement actions; Lanham Act false advertising and unfair competition claims; trade secret litigation; and copyright litigation involving works such as carpet designs, photographs, architectural drawings, illustrations, tax case digests, educational materials, and computer software
- Experienced in Internet domain name dispute arbitration proceedings and other e-commerce matters
- Experienced in trademark opposition and cancellation proceedings before the U.S. Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
- Experience in related areas of patent, antitrust, contract, and franchise and dealer litigation, and other types of business litigation
- Member of Georgia Bar

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- Experience in technologies such as medical information systems, interactive television program guides, computer network security, and pharmaceuticals
- Participated in the American Inns of Court program as a Barrister in the Lamar Inn of Court sponsored by the Emory University School of Law from 1994 – 1996
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- Lead counsel for a number of international corporations in major patent litigations, including one of the world's largest generic pharmaceutical companies, a cutting-edge innovator in the minerals industry, and one of the nation's major entertainment companies
- Former editor-in-chief of the *SciTech Lawyer*, a publication of the Science and Technology Section of the American Bar Association
- Held numerous positions within the American Bar Association
- Established the "crime fraud" exception to the attorney-client privilege in connection with an antitrust claim that arose from a failed patent case against a client
- Author on expert evidence and legal and ethical issues in genetic and tissue engineering
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- Extensive trademark experience at The Coca-Cola Company and also served as Senior Trademark Counsel for Kellogg Company
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