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Patrick McGill is an associate in the Intellectual Property Practice Group in the firm's San Diego (Del Mar) office.

### Areas of Practice

Patrick litigates high-stakes patent, trademark, trade secret, copyright and licensing disputes in federal district and appellate courts. He handles disputes involving technologies that include many of the most groundbreaking technologies and products that are foundational to everyday interaction with personal computers (e.g., chipsets and wireless standards, smartphone browsers and GUIs, mobile operating systems, IoT technologies, etc.). Patrick also works on disputes involving licensing structures, including Standard Essential Patents (SEP) subject to FRAND commitments.

Patrick is well versed and familiar with virtual and augmented/mixed reality (XR) hardware and software technologies and products, which he gained first as outside counsel when he previously served as the Acting General Counsel of Meta Company, a pioneering startup in the augmented reality field. At Meta, he built a patent and trademark portfolio, drafted and negotiated all commercial agreements and partnerships, managed several litigations as in-house counsel, helped raise and close over \$100 million of venture capital and debt funding and managed corporate governance matters. Through this work, he acquired a deep understanding and familiarity with the legal challenges that both startup and established technology companies face as they seek to develop an IP portfolio, clear the legal and logistical hurdles to bringing new products to market and seek to acquire and defend market share.

Patrick is an active writer and commentator, especially in the augmented reality field, having been invited to present before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

Patrick is actively involved in pro bono legal matters. Most notably, he represented Tennessee death row inmate Andrew Thomas in the post-conviction appeal of his state and federal sentences, including before the U.S. Supreme Court, and co-authored the habeas corpus brief that led to Mr. Thomas's death sentence being vacated under *Brady v. Maryland*, 373 U.S. 83 (1963). See *Thomas v. Westbrook*, Case No. 15-5399 (6th Cir. Feb. 24, 2017). Patrick also obtained a refugee resettlement in the U.S. for a citizen of Somalia whose family was murdered by al-Shabaab, asylum for a Ghanaian refugee fleeing persecution due to his sexual orientation and special immigrant juvenile status (SIJS) for three minors from Central America.

## Articles

- Patent bill should focus on stabilizing law, not wiping out precedent  
*Daily Journal*, 06.12.2019

## Intellectual Property Law Blog Posts

- "Framing Your Pitch: A Lesson from the TTI v. IBG Cases," May 6, 2019

## Practices

Intellectual Property

## Industries

Esports & Games

## Education

J.D., Columbia University, 2009, Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar

B.A., Yale University, 2006, *cum laude*, recipient of the Andrew D. White Prize and F. Wilder Bellamy Award

## Admissions

California

New York