



## → Rick Dunning

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Rick Dunning is an associate in the Intellectual Property Practice Group in the firm's San Diego (Del Mar) office. He advises clients in all areas of intellectual property law, including patent and other intellectual property litigation, strategic portfolio development, technology licensing, transactional matters, counterfeits and gray markets.

### Areas of Practice

Rick is a patent attorney and electrical engineer providing a full range of intellectual property services to companies and startups, with a focus on strategic patent planning and execution including patent drafting, prosecution, appeals and post-grant procedures. His technical expertise includes wireless communications, networks, network security, semiconductors, computer hardware and software, circuits, digital signal processing, image processing, cryptography, consumer electronics, audio, video, medical devices, geolocation and robotics.

Rick is skilled in patent and trademark enforcement and litigation. He often deals with patent infringement assertions by non-practicing entities, or "patent trolls." For example, he recently shut down several counterfeiting operations in China and a large gray-market ring in the UK.

Rick is also experienced in technology transfer and collaboration agreements, including negotiating joint-venture agreements, investment agreements and white-label agreements. He regularly conducts due-diligence investigations supporting mergers and acquisitions, investments, patent sales and securities issuance. Rick previously served as a mentor for Stanford University's Office of Technology Licensing.

Before joining the firm, Rick served as patent counsel in a corporate environment. Prior to entering the legal profession, he designed radar and sonar systems for the Department of Defense and satellite communications systems for NASA.

## Practices

Intellectual Property

Patent Litigation

Patent Prosecution and Counseling

IP Licensing, Technology and Commercial Transactions

Trade Secrets

Trademarks and Trade Dress

False Advertising, Lanham Act and Unfair Competition

Copyrights

Technology Transactions

## Education

J.D., George Mason University, 1997

B.S., University of Alabama, 1985, *magna cum laude*

## Admissions

California

District of Columbia

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

## Additional Office

Silicon Valley