



Attorney Bio

Robert (Rob) D. McCutcheon is a member of the Munck Wilson Mandala executive committee and a partner in the technology/intellectual property law group. He has over 25 years experience in domestic and foreign intellectual property procurement, exploitation, enforcement, and counseling in patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets. His vast technical expertise covers semiconductors, telecommunications, hand-held devices, hardware, software, medical devices, fiber optics, as well as the electro-mechanical and mechanical arts.

Rob has a broad range of legal experience in patent matters, including domestic and international patent preparation and prosecution, patent infringement and litigation matters (enforcement and defense), patent reexamination proceedings, opinions, licensing, and various matters related to mergers and acquisitions involving intellectual property. He also has extensive experience with a multitude of trademark matters including procurement of domestic and foreign trademarks and registrations, inter partes proceedings before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, trademark infringement and litigation matters, and client counseling.

Prior to joining Munck Wilson Mandala in 2002, Rob was IP counsel for STMicroelectronics (f/k/a SGS-Thomson Microelectronics), an international semiconductor company. Throughout his legal career, Rob has worked at other Texas law firms, including a prominent intellectual property boutique. Prior to his legal career, Rob worked as an electronic/systems engineer with McDonnell Douglas in St. Louis. In 2004, he was listed as both a Texas Rising Star and a Texas Super Lawyer by Thomson Reuters, and he has been selected annually as a Texas Super Lawyer by his peers from 2008 - 2017.

Practice Areas

Copyrights
IP Audits and Legal Opinions
IP Due Diligence
IP Portfolio Management and Counseling
Intellectual Property Litigation
Inter Partes Reviews
Media and First Amendment Litigation
Mergers and Acquisitions
Patents
Technology Transactions
Trade Secrets
Trademarks
Venture Capital and Private Equity

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Education

Saint Louis University School of Law
St. Louis, Missouri 1993
Juris Doctor
Honors: cum laude
University of Dallas

Representative Experience

- Defending handset manufacturers in several patent infringement actions in the Eastern District of Texas.
- Rendered legal opinions of non-infringement and invalidity for patents-in-suit asserted against a medical device manufacturer.
- Defended fiber optics connector manufacturer in patent infringement action; successfully sought and obtained a USPTO order for reexamination of all claims in the patent-in-suit resulting in amended reexamination claims foreclosing plaintiff's multi-million dollar damages claim; and obtained a jury verdict on non-infringement.

Dallas, Texas 2002
M.B.A.
Honors: Highest Honors
University of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa 1987
B.S. Electrical Engineering

Bar Admissions

Missouri, 1993

Texas, 1994

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas

U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit

Honors and Awards

The Best Lawyers in Dallas, D Magazine
2020

Texas Super Lawyers, Thomson Reuters
2004-2005, 2008-2020

Texas Rising Stars, Thomson Reuters
2004

- Representing a plaintiff semiconductor company in action for patent infringement, misappropriations of trade secrets and breach of confidentiality claims against a large semiconductor manufacturer.
- Defended manufacturer of vinyl and composite sheet piling for seawall and bulkhead retaining systems in patent infringement action; successfully sought and obtained a USPTO order for reexamination of all claims in a patent-in-suit and a stay of the action pending reexamination and resulting in amended reexamination claims foreclosing plaintiff's multi-million dollar damages claim.
- Responsible for domestic and foreign patent procurement for major telecommunications equipment manufacturer, and major semiconductor manufacturer.
- Responsible for procurement and enforcement of worldwide trademark portfolio for US-based children's toy and furniture manufacturer.