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At a Glance

Electrical Engineering Background

Neil earned his undergraduate electrical engineering degree at Louisiana State University.

Worked Abroad

Neil's legal background includes working abroad at an international law firm based in Munich, Germany.

Firm Leader and Trusted Partner

Neil is a member of MWM's executive committee and represents some of MWM's top technology clients, handling numerous corporate and IP legal matters.

Neil G. Ferrari is an award-winning IP and corporate partner and member of MWM's executive committee. Neil's practice focuses on counseling clients on business issues related to corporate matters, intellectual property due diligence, infringement, licensing, and opinions as well as representation before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Neil has practiced law for 15 years and is considered one of the top IP senior partners at MWM, representing some of the firm's top clients. In addition to his talents as an IP partner, Neil's unique skill set as a transactional lawyer makes him a vital member of the MWM's transactional/corporate teams when handling large deals. He is well known for his due diligence on complex M&A deals and has helped the firm close several transactions with values greater than nine figures. Neil is also part of an elite group of partners spearheading MWM's robust artificial intelligence practice that has launched and will be leading some events in North Texas and other regions beginning in 2024.

Neil earned his undergraduate degree in electrical engineering at Louisiana State University and received his Juris Doctor degree from Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law. Before joining Munck Wilson Mandala, he worked at an international law firm based in Munich, Germany as well as a boutique intellectual property law firm in Dallas, representing numerous technology clients and successfully obtaining domestic and international IP protection for them.

Neil has extensive legal experience counseling companies regarding the global protection of core intellectual property foundations. He frequently advises clients on best practices in the identification, protection, development, and monetization of their intellectual property – incorporating international protection, handling complex global portfolios and intellectual property issues related to intellectual property, copyright, and trademark infringements.

Experience

- Represented publicly-traded company as intellectual property counsel in connection with the acquisition of a leading technologies innovator valued at over \$800 million; performed intellectual property due diligence in the areas of trademarks, patents, copyrights, and technology and security agreements
- Represented privately-owned company as intellectual property counsel in connection with the acquisition of a telecommunications intellectual property portfolio valued at over \$500 million; client has already received favorable judgements on the portfolio exceeding the purchase price
- Represented publicly-traded company as intellectual property counsel in connection with the acquisition of a leading security company valued at over \$270 million in cash. Company is a leader in brand protection and authentication solutions, serving some of the most recognized brands, government agencies, and financial institutions
- Represented publicly-traded company as intellectual property counsel in connection with the acquisition of a company valued at over \$160 million; performed intellectual property due diligence in the areas of trademarks, patents, copyrights, and technology contracts and security agreements
- Represented foreign company in a multi-million dollar alleged international trade dispute for a settlement of less than 1% monetary damages

Focus Areas

AI/Machine Learning

Automotive Technology

IP Audits & Legal Opinions

Standard Essential Patents (SEP)

Patents

IP Portfolio Management & Counseling

Private Equity

Manufacturing

Technology Transactions

Inter Partes Reviews (IPRs)

Trademark

Mergers & Acquisitions

Trademark & Copyright Litigation

Speeches / Publications

Publications

"Federal Circuit Decisions Breathe New Life Into Alice Responses by Patent Prosecutors, IPWatchdog.com (3/2018)
Eligibility Rulings May Lead To Shift In Patent Prosecution, IP Law360, March 2018

Speaking & Guest Lecturing

"AI, Innovation, & Policy," Southern Methodist University Law Review 2024 Symposium Panel Moderator (2/2024)

Education

Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, JD, 2008

Louisiana State University, BS, 2005
Electrical Engineering

Associations & Memberships

- State Bar of Texas
- Dallas Bar Association
Intellectual Property Section
- Registered U.S. Patent Attorney
- Dallas Regional Chamber
- American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA);
IP in Europe Committee, Electronic and Computer Law Committee, and Standards and Open Source Committee
- International Trademark Association (INTA)

Honors & Awards

- IAM Patent 1000, recommended Individual 2023
- Texas Rising Stars, Thomson Reuters
2018-2020

Bar Admissions

Texas, 2008

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office