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John counsels and represents companies and organizations on a diverse range of intellectual property matters, including patent procurement and licensing, patent portfolio assessment incidental to investments and acquisitions, domestic and international patent policy, and patent enforcement. His technical expertise extends to software and electrical engineering disciplines. John counsels and represents companies in trademark, copyright, and trade secrets matters, including litigation. He represents clients in trade-related disputes, including proceedings before the U.S. International Trade Commission.

John regularly advises clients on export matters, including obtaining export licenses, registering with U.S. government agencies, and establishing internal export compliance programs. He regularly assists clients with licensing under the EAR, registration and licensing under the ITAR, and compliance with OFAC regulations. John also has experience with export regulations from other U.S. government entities including the USDA, DOD, and DOE.

John advises clients on import matters, including conducting customs compliance audits, determining customs duties, advising clients with respect to international trade restrictions, and representing clients before the U.S. Court of International Trade.

Before entering private practice, John was a consulting nuclear engineer. He conducted nuclear licensing reviews, human health and environmental impact studies, and designed systems for detecting buried, unexploded ordinance. He served as project manager for Dose Reconstruction at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory (INEL) under contract to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

John also served in the U.S. Navy as a nuclear submarine officer. He was commanding officer of a nuclear submarine, and later Deputy Director for Exploitation at the Naval Technical Intelligence Center.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- *SecureInfo Corporation v. Telos Corporation et al. (E.D. Va.)*. Represented the trade secret holder in a software case involving trade secret misappropriation and copyright and patent infringement. (2005)

PRACTICE AREAS

Intellectual Property
Litigation
Intellectual Property

EDUCATION

LLM, 2001, International
Law, Georgetown
University School of
Law

LLM, 1998, Tax Law,
Georgetown University
School of Law

JD, 1995, with honors,
George Mason
University Law School,
George Mason Law
Review, Staff

MS, 1987, Engineering,
The George
Washington University
BS, 1972, with merit,
Engineering, US Naval
Academy

ADMITTED

Virginia 1995

District of Columbia
1999

US Patent and
Trademark Office

US Court of Claims

US Tax Court

US Court of Appeals for
the Fourth Circuit

Virginia Supreme Court

US District Court for the
Eastern District of
Virginia

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- *The SCO Group, Inc. v. International Business Machines Corp. (D. Utah)*. Defended SCO against software patent infringement claims. IBM withdrew all four patent claims. (2004)
- *Ethos v. RealNetworks (U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts)*. Represented Ethos in a patent infringement suit. (2001-2002)
- *Metrokane v. Lifetime Hoan Corporation (U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York)*. Represented Metrokane in a patent, trademark and trade dress infringement action. (2001-2002)
- *Digital Equipment Corporation v. United States (U.S. Court of International Trade)*. Represented DEC in recovery of import duties. (2000)
- *JFJ Partnership v. American Fire & Casualty Co. (United States District Court, District of Maryland, Southern Division)*. Represented JFJ in a breach of contract case. (1998-1999)
- *Rice v. United States (United States Claims Court)*. Represented third party defendant in patent infringement suit regarding power turbine technology. (1996-1997)

ARTICLES/PUBLICATIONS

- "Software Patents, Procuring and Enforcing" [Patent Resources Group](#) (2001)
- "Section 337 Proceedings" [Chinese Intellectual Property Law](#) (1998)
- "Technical Requirements for Recycling Radioactive Materials" [Vols 1-6, U.S. EPA](#) (1995)

BRIEFINGS, SEMINARS & SPEECHES

John has served on the staff of the Patent Resources Group teaching "Software Patents, Procuring and Enforcing." He is also a frequent lecturer for international intellectual property organizations, covering topics such as gray-market goods, the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, U.S. International Trade Commission practices and various patent-related topics.