



## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

RCCB's Intellectual Property Group represents local, regional, national, and international clients in all aspects of strategic counseling, prosecution, licensing, brand protection and litigation for copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets, and other intellectual property rights. We represent clients in a wide range of industries, including food & beverage, consumer goods, software & technology, manufacturing and distribution, hospitality, cannabis, the financial sector, and healthcare, from start-ups to mid-market to well-established recognizable brands. Our attorneys are strategic and pragmatic in achieving our clients' goals in protecting, enforcing, and defending their valuable intellectual property rights throughout the country.

### INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY COUNSELING & LICENSING

- Review and development of programs for identifying and protecting intellectual property
- Draft and negotiate license and development agreements in a broad array of industries
- Provide critical advice to management on day-to-day intellectual property matters
- Conduct and oversee intellectual property audits
- Review and preparation of intellectual property status reports to enable key decisions
- Review of competitors' patents, trademarks and copyrights to assess the market
- Draft and negotiate development agreements, consulting and service agreements, and other intellectual property-related contracts

### RELATED PRACTICES

Litigation  
Corporate & Business  
Technology Contracting and  
Licensing  
Employment  
Cannabis

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- Assist companies in bringing new products to market, including clearance reviews
- Development and maintenance of databases related to specific technologies
- Review and payment of U.S. and international patent and trademark maintenance fees
- Development of trade secret protection programs and policies

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## **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LITIGATION**

We guide our clients from the preliminary injunction phase through trial and beyond.

- Trademark infringement
- Copyright infringement
- Misappropriation of trade secrets
- False advertising
- Licensing and other contract disputes
- Trade dress claims

## **TRADEMARKS & BRANDS**

We have deep experience in trademark and brand management in a variety of industries, such as food and beverages, furniture and textiles, computer software and hardware, SaaS, internet and eCommerce, social media, airlines and other transportation companies, logistics, fashion, consumer goods, footwear, pharmaceuticals and medical devices, financial services, manufacturing and hospitality.

## **CLEARANCE**

- Preliminary searching
- Review of comprehensive searches
- Opinions and recommendations regarding adoption, use and registration

## **PROSECUTION**

- Domestic filings and maintenance

- Global registration strategies
- Global filings and maintenance through our worldwide network of trademark lawyers

#### **PROTECTION**

- Educate client's employees on the correct way to use trademarks
- Review watch reports of third party activity and provide recommendations
- Filing and prosecution of applications
- Maintenance of Registrations

#### **COUNSELING**

- Provide thoughtful and practical strategies for selection, adoption, enforcement and registration

#### **ENFORCEMENT**

- Draft and respond to cease and desist letters
- File and respond to UDRP proceedings relating to domain names
- File and respond to Letters of Protest, Cancellations and Oppositions

#### **TRANSACTIONS**

- Draft and advise on trademark and copyright licenses throughout the world
- Draft and advise on trademark assignments
- Assist in corporate due diligence relating to intellectual property

#### **COPYRIGHTS**

- Copyright registration
- Copyright infringement searches and opinions
- Recordal of assignments and name changes
- Licensing
- Client counseling

#### **TRADE SECRETS AND NON-COMPETES**

- Investigation of intellectual property theft
- Trade secret protection audits
- Confidentiality policies and agreements

- Non-competes and other post-employment restrictive covenants
- Computer forensic analysis
- Work-for-hire and employment issues
- Halting fraud and deceptive trade practices

## **LICENSING**

- Drafting and negotiating license, development, referral and reseller agreements
- Preparation of U.S. and international patent licenses, assignments and technology transfer agreements.
- Preparation of U.S. and international trademark licenses and assignments
- Preparation of copyright licenses and assignments

## **MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS**

- Procurement of patent, trademark, copyright and/or trade secret assets
- Due diligence to identify intellectual property assets worldwide
- Perfection of security interest in intellectual property
- Preparation and recordal of US intellectual property assignments
- Managing international counsel further to preparing and recording intellectual property assignments worldwide.

## **EXPERIENCE**

- Advise on and handle anti-counterfeiting matters, including strategic protection and litigation
- Cross-Border Infringement cases
- Uniform Dispute Resolution proceedings
- Complex trademark Infringement cases
- Negotiation of business resolutions of infringement cases
- Strategic resolution of trademark disputes relating to cannabis
- Advising businesses, from start-ups to multi-billion dollar public companies, in drafting and negotiating complex commercial licenses of intellectual property and related service
- Advising clients on how to update and streamline their contracting and sales processes.
- Representation of musicians relating to trademarks, copyrights and termination under the Copyright Act
- Complex analysis of intellectual property rights in connection with NFTs
- Prosecution of claims under the Defend Trade Secrets Act, Pennsylvania Uniform Trade Secrets Act, Delaware Trade Secrets Act, and related claims

- Development and implementation of comprehensive trade secret valuation and protection programs

## **REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS**

Lead counsel in aspects of the presentation of a plaintiff in a counterfeiting lawsuit. We were successful in obtaining an injunction, an award, and an admission of liability. The matter was important in the protection of the client's marks as part of a nationwide campaign to stem counterfeiting which was costing the client millions of dollars of damages. For this reason, obtaining the injunction and admission of liability were critical components.

Local counsel the representation of a social media giant in a case of first impression involving Section 230 rights. We successfully obtained a motion to dismiss on allegations made by a well-known TV news anchor. The plaintiff has appealed and the matter is now pending in the United States Court of Appeals for the *Third Circuit*.

In a cross-border matter, RCCB acted as lead counsel in all aspects in the representation of defendants in a trademark infringement matter involving software companies. We were successful in creating an opportunity to settle upon favorable terms while saving the clients further litigations.

Local counsel in the filing of claims against large domain name registrar on claims of third-party domain name registrations.

Lead counsel in all aspects in the representation of our plaintiff in a trademark infringement, copyright infringement and unfair competition against competitors that stole our client's intellectual property. We were successful in resolving all matters through a favorable corporate transaction.

Lead counsel in all aspects in the representation of a plaintiff who owned state TM registrations for cannabis products. The matter was important given the restrictions on cannabis and their inability to litigate in Federal Court.

RCCB advises dozens of businesses, from start-ups to multi-billion dollar public companies, in drafting and negotiating complex commercial licenses of intellectual property and related services, as well as advising clients on how to update and streamline their contracting and sales processes.

Lead counsel in the representation of the founder of a well-known punk rock band involving termination of rights under the copyright act that had been granted to a record label.

Lead counsel in all aspects in the representation of a defendant against allegations of collective works that were fraudulently obtained. The matter involves the construction of the scope of rights of the collective and joint works.

Lead counsel in prosecuted claims under the Defend Trade Secrets Act, Pennsylvania Uniform Trade Secrets Act, Delaware Trade Secrets Act, and related claims on behalf of nationwide payroll services, tax, and human resources services provider where the former employee had taken trade secrets and intellectual property, including pricing formulas, materials related to the proprietary software service platform, and client and

customer specifications, to a competitor. Prosecution involved specifically defining trade secrets according to statutory definitions and applicable law while maintaining the client's confidentiality and security.

Lead counsel in the representation of a worldwide industrial components manufacturer in the development of a comprehensive program to locate, secure, and protect intellectual property (including inventions) and trade secrets. The program involves the formation of protective employment, confidentiality, and intellectual property agreements, implementation of employee training, audits of current intellectual property security practices, and formation of policy documents designed to ensure maximum protection of company assets.

## **NOTEWORTHY**

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- Copyright Law
- Trademark Law

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Pennsylvania Super Lawyers

New York Super Lawyers

## **NEWS**

**IP Philly:** A Live CLE Program in Partnership with Temple University Beasley School of Law  
March 13, 2024

In the Representation of Mitchel Hyman and David Frey who are Embattled Over Control of Ramones Productions Inc., Partner Donna Tobin was Quoted in the New York Post.  
February 15, 2024

RCCB's Intellectual Property Group is Once Again Recognized by WTR1000 for Excellence  
*World Trademark Review* , February 15, 2024

Partner Donna Tobin Secures Win for the George Nelson Family as a Federal Judge Denies Herman Miller Inc.'s Motion to Dismiss the Lawsuit Concerning Designer George Nelson's Iconic Bubble Lamp  
*Nelson et al. v. MillerKnoll Inc.*, *Law360*, February 5, 2024

Best Lawyers in America Recognizes Six Practices in New York and Pennsylvania in its "Best Law Firms" Report for 2024  
*Best Lawyers®*, November 2, 2023

## **PUBLICATIONS**

New Year, New Reporting Requirements: What the Corporate Transparency Act Means for Your Business  
*RCCB Client Alert*, December 20, 2023

Nancy Rubner Frandsen to Participate in a Panel Discussion on Fraud in Trademark Applications and Registrations  
April 18, 2023

2022 Litigation Year In Review  
*RCCB Litigation Alert*, March 2, 2023