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Jonathan C. Hughley focuses his practice on the preparation and prosecution of patent applications involving mechanical, electro-mechanical and software technologies. His former experience and technical background provide substantial knowledge of numerous technological areas. He prepares and prosecutes domestic and foreign utility and design applications and prepares patentability and infringement opinions for global companies that are leaders in the automotive components, industrial control systems, food processing, packaging, and transportation, retail and consumer products, and irrigation systems industries, to name a few. Mr. Hughley works closely with inventors and in-house counsel to develop appropriate patent protection strategies. In 2017, he was designated as an "Emerging Lawyer" by his peers, less than 2% of all lawyers licensed in each state have received this distinction. In addition to his client-focused work, he serves on the Firm's Diversity and Inclusion Committee and the Firm's Associates Committee.



Practices

- Patent Prosecution

Industries

- Automotive & Transportation
- Cleantech & Renewables
- Consumer Products

- Industrial & Mechanical Technologies
- Materials Science
- Medical Devices
- Non-Profit Technology Transfer

Background and Credentials

Prior to joining Marshall, Gerstein & Borun LLP, Mr. Hughley worked at international Truck & Engine Corporation and Caterpillar, Inc. While attending law school, he worked as a commercialization analyst for the University of Illinois' Office of Technology Management, where he identified, marketed, and licensed intellectual property developed by research on campus. Mr. Hughley also worked at the University of Illinois College of Law Patent Clinic, conducting prior art research and assisting IP clients with patent applications and other matters.

Mr. Hughley received his J.D., *cum laude*, from the University of Illinois College of Law. Additionally, he holds a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Education

- University of Illinois College of Law, Urbana-Champaign (J.D., *cum laude*)
- University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (B.S.)
 - Mechanical Engineering

Bar Admissions

- Illinois
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Publications and Presentations

- Presenter, "Utility Model Patents: Use and Enforcement in Global Patent Practice," CLE Presentation, January 29, 2015.
- Co-Presenter, "Critique Legal Arguments and Provide Insights into the Field of Law," Mather High School, December 13, 2011, on behalf of the Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession.
- Co-Presenter, "Diversity in the Legal Field," Just the Beginning Foundation at Chicago Bulls Preparatory Academy, October 27, 2011, on behalf of the Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession.
- Co-Presenter, "Why Diversity in the Legal Profession is Important," Apostolic Whole Truth Church, October 9, 2011, on behalf of the Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession.
- Co-Presenter, "How Engineering Degrees Can Be Useful in the Legal Field," Morill Engineering Program at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, September 29, 2011, on behalf of the Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession.

Community and Professional Involvement

- American Bar Association
- Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession
- American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)
- Wills for Heroes Foundation
- Cabrini Green Legal Aid
- Lupus Foundation of America