Nicholas K. Terrell

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Nicholas K. Terrell assists clients in obtaining and protecting intellectual property rights through development and evaluation of patent portfolios, with a particular focus on electronic systems and software. Recent work has included patents related to remote sensing and imaging, vehicle control and autonomous operation, medical devices and diagnostic processes, process control systems, software tools for business and electronic communication, and data management. He has worked with large-cap corporations, universities, and start-up companies to obtain patents covering systems, components, circuits, processes, and user interfaces. He has also worked with large and small entities to evaluate their portfolios and assess patentability of their innovations.

Mr. Terrell has been practicing law since 2010, including a clerkship for the Hon. Robert H. Cleland, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, where he worked on a variety of cases involving patents, copyrights, and trademarks. He has previously worked as a corporate attorney, an economist, and a web developer. This breadth of experience enables him to guide clients in identifying and protecting forward-looking aspects of their inventions.

Practices

- Patent Prosecution

Industries

- Automotive & Transportation
- Electrical & Computer Technologies
- Industrial & Mechanical Technologies
- Insurance & Financial Services
- Medical Devices

Education

- Northwestern University School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*)
- George Mason University (M.A.)
    - Economics
- Northwestern University (B.S.)
    - Electrical Engineering

Bar Admissions

- Illinois
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Publications and Presentations

- "Patenting Software & AI Inventions: Why, What, and How," Co-Presenter, February 26, 2018.
- "IP Law and the IoT," Co-Presenter, February 16, 2017.

Community and Professional Involvement

- Board of Directors, Lutheran Life Communities
- Development Council, Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center
- Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago (IPLAC)