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OVERVIEW

Mark Leslie is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania and by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. He is not currently admitted in the District of Columbia. He is supervised by a member of the D.C. Bar.

Mark Leslie began practice with K&L Gates in 1991 and has been a partner in the firm since 1998. He is a member of K&L Gates' Intellectual Property and Technology groups. Mark's practice includes patent and trademark acquisition, prosecution, policing and enforcement, product clearance, technology transfer, and the preparation of opinions and agreements related to patents, trademarks, and other intellectual property. Mark manages the patent and trademark portfolios, and provides day-to-day intellectual property counseling, to a number of large companies. He has also been involved in intellectual property litigation, including patent infringement litigation before the federal district courts and before the US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, the federal appellate level court having exclusive jurisdiction over appeals in patent cases.

Mark's technical concentration is in the materials science, chemical, and mechanical areas. He coordinates the Intellectual Property Group's Materials Science subgroup, which gathers together those registered patent attorneys having particular interest and experience in patent prosecution and counseling in the materials science area, which broadly includes metals, ceramics, and polymers. Examples of areas of materials science in which Mark has been involved include ore beneficiation, carbon steel and stainless steel alloy design and production, metal casting, cemented carbide production, fabrication of nickel-base and other high performance alloys, powder metallurgy processing, metal powder atomization, cutting tool design, magnetic alloys and powders, cathode and anode cell design, micro-mechanical structure fabrication, and synthetic fiber spinning.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Upon graduation from law school, Mr. Leslie served as judicial clerk to Circuit Judge Glenn L. Archer, Jr., in the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Prior to law school, Mr. Leslie was employed as a patent examiner in the organic chemical section of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Patent Law in Pittsburgh, 2024
- Graduate work at the Pennsylvania State University and the University of Pittsburgh (Materials Science)

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Allegheny County Bar Association
- ASM International
- Association of University Technology Managers
- Minerals, Metals, and Materials Society
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Pittsburgh Intellectual Property Law Association

EDUCATION

- J.D., Vanderbilt Law School, 1990 (*Order of the Coif*)
- B.S., Allegheny College, 1985 (*Chemical Engineering; magna cum laude; Phi Beta Kappa*)

ADMISSIONS

- Admitted only as indicated below. Not admitted in the District of Columbia. Supervised by a member of the D.C. Bar.
- Bar of Pennsylvania
- United States Patent and Trademark Office
- United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 25 January 2016, U.S. Supreme Court to Decide Case That Could Impact Inter Partes Review
- 16 October 2015, Is Inter Partes Review Set for Supreme Court Review?
- 7 October 2015, Patent Office Litigation - What You Need to Know

NEWS & EVENTS

- 2 February 2026, Nearly 50 K&L Gates Lawyers Recognized on *Thomson Reuters* Stand-out Lawyers List
- 11 March 2025, Nearly 50 K&L Gates Lawyers Receive Global Recognition in *Thomson Reuters'* Stand-out Lawyers List

AREAS OF FOCUS

- IP Procurement and Portfolio Management
- IP Litigation
- Pharma and BioPharma Litigation
- Post-Grant Patents