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Rick D. Nydegger

Founder and Senior Counsel

Rick D. Nydegger is registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and is admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court, the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals, and the Utah Supreme Court. He has extensive experience in the prosecution of electronic, software, information science, e-commerce technologies and medical device technologies, and represents many of Workman Nydegger's major clients in these areas.

He assisted in litigating many of the early patent litigation cases handled by the Firm. He has served as a mediator and also as an arbitrator in a number of major patent cases. He has extensive licensing experience, and frequently counsels clients in the areas of offensive and defensive IP portfolio management, due diligence for IP asset acquisitions and mergers.

Mr. Nydegger is nationally known for his work leading several major IP associations (including the American Intellectual Property Law Association, the National Council of Intellectual Property Law Associations, and the National Inventors' Hall of Fame). He is also well known for his work with the U. S. Patent Office in assisting in the development of policy and other initiatives, having served as Chair of the Patent Public Advisory Committee by appointment of the Secretary of the Department of Commerce. He also served as an adjunct professor of Intellectual Property for over a decade, and has frequently lectured and published a number of articles and other writings in the field of Intellectual Property.

Mr. Nydegger has been received numerous awards and recognitions in the field of Intellectual Property. Some of them include *Who's Who In American Law* (since 2000), *Chamber USA* (Band 1 Ranking), *International Who's Who of Patent Lawyers* (since 2008), *Best Lawyers in America* (listed for 25+ years), *Martindale-Hubbell* (AV Preeminent Peer Rating), *Fortune Magazine's Top Rated Lawyers in IP* (2013), *Alumnus of the Year (2005) BYU J. Reuben Clark Law School, Honorary Alumnus of the Year (2004) University of Utah S. J. Quinney Law School.*

Education

J.D., *cum laude,* J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, 1977 (Honorary Member, Order of the Coif, 2002)

B.S., *cum laude,* Electrical Engineering Brigham Young University, 1974

Admissions

Registered Patent Attorney, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 1977

Utah State Bar, 1977 – Present

American Bar Association, 1977 – Present

Federal Circuit Bar Association, 1982 – Present

United States Supreme Court, 1990

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, 1994

U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Fifth and Tenth Circuits, 1980

U.S. District Court, Central District of Utah, 1977

Utah State Supreme Court, 1977

Languages

Portuguese

Services

E-Commerce

Litigation

Patents

Trademarks

Technologies

Computer & Electrical Engineering

Mechanical

Medical Devices

Software

Recognitions

1990 – 2022, 2026 – Present, Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America®*

2014, The Best Lawyers in America®, "Lawyer of the Year" – Patent Law for Salt Lake City

2008 – 2024, Chambers USA Band 1 Ranking

2000 – present, Who's Who in American Law

2002 – present, Who's Who in America

2005 – present, Who's Who Legal: the International Who's Who of Business Lawyers

2008 – present, International Who's Who of Patent Lawyers

2007 – present, Guide To The World's Leading Patent Law Practitioners (Published by *Managing Intellectual Property*)

2013, Fortune Magazine – Listing of Top Rated Lawyers in Intellectual Property

2013 – present, InterContinental Finance Magazine's Top 500 Lawyers in the World

2012 – present, Listed In *Intellectual Asset Magazine's* Patent 1000 of Top IP Attorneys World Wide

2015 – present, Listed in *Expert Guides – Patents*

1984 – present, Martindale-Hubbell "AV" Preeminent® Peer Review Rating

2007 – present, Mountain States Super Lawyers

2003 – present, “Utah Legal Elite”, *Utah Business Magazine*

2005, Alumnus of the Year, Brigham Young University J. Reuben Clark law School

2004, Honorary Alumnus of the Year, University of Utah S. J. Quinney Law School

2003, Recognized By the Managing Partners of the Top 30 Law Firms In Salt Lake As the Best Intellectual Property Lawyer, August 2003 Edition of *Utah Business Magazine*

2002, Honorary Member, J. Reuben Clark Law School Chapter of the Order of the Coif

1967 – 1968, 1970 – 1973, Trustees’ Full Four-Year Academic Undergraduate Scholarship, Brigham Young University

1973, Eta Kappa Nu Honor Society for Engineers

1967, Sterling Scholar in Mathematics, Hillcrest High School