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Practice Areas

Copyrights

eCommerce Litigation

Intellectual Property

Litigation and Appeals

Patents

Trade Secrets

Trademarks

Education

University of Virginia School of
Law, J.D., 2012

Virginia Tax Review, Editorial
Board Member, 2010-2012

Dickinson College, B.A., *magna
cum laude*, 2009

Aaron is a partner in the Vorys Cleveland office and is a member of the litigation and intellectual property groups. His practice focuses on representing clients in connection with the defense or prosecution of their intellectual property rights, including cases involving patent and trademark infringement, trade secrets, and non-competition agreements.

Aaron has litigated cases before the American Arbitration Association, state and federal trial courts, the Federal Circuit and the International Trade Commission. Aaron's patent litigation experience has involved a variety of technologies, including consumer goods and electronics, software and mobile applications, various mechanical designs, systems and processes, as well as design patents for a variety of products and articles of manufacture.

Aaron works closely with members of Vorys eControl team to assist clients with issues related to eCommerce patent enforcement strategies to combat illegal online sales and defend against unauthorized online sellers.

Aaron is the managing editor of *The Precedent*, which is a rolling publication highlighting and summarizing the Federal Circuit's precedential opinions on issues of patent, trademark, copyright, and trade secret law.

Notable experience includes:

- Serving as second chair in a one week jury trial on behalf of a door manufacturer in a design patent infringement dispute, securing judgment that the client's design patents were valid and enforceable
- Representation of multiple medical device and transport manufacturers in patent infringement lawsuits
- Representation of multiple industrial plastics manufacturers in patent infringement lawsuits

Bar & Court Admissions

Ohio

Virginia

U. S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

U.S. Court of Federal Claims

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas

Admitted to practice law only in the states listed above.

Industries

Colleges and Universities

Esports and Video Gaming

Financial Institutions

Manufacturing

Restaurants, Food and Beverage

Retail and Consumer Products

Clerkships

The Honorable Rebecca B. Connelly, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Virginia, 2012-2014

- Representation of manufacturer of automotive battery jump starters in patent infringement lawsuits
- Representation of multiple technology security firms in patent infringement lawsuits
- Provide counseling and advice to state university concerning policies and strategies related to trademarks, trade secrets, NIL, and licensing negotiations
- Representation of a state university in a class action alleging violations of the Sherman Act, Lanham Act, and Ohio's Deceptive Trade Practices Act
- Serving as second chair in a one week jury trial on behalf of a major brewery in a trademark infringement dispute against a bottler of root beer branded similarly to the client's iconic marks, securing a willful infringement verdict for the client
- Representation of footwear brand in trade dress lawsuit
- Serving as second chair in a one week AAA arbitration on behalf of an industrial manufacturer in a trade secret dispute, securing a complete defense victory and an award of attorney's fees and costs
- Representation of numerous brands in APEX enforcement proceedings on Amazon

Aaron is a member of the Federal Bar Association and the Kathleen M. O'Malley Inn of Court.

Aaron received his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law. He received his B.A. *magna cum laude* from Dickinson College, where he was Phi Beta Kappa.

Prior to joining Vorys, Aaron served as a law clerk to the Honorable Rebecca B. Connelly of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Virginia.

Events

Event, 7.15.2026

Avoiding the Patent Troll Tax: Strategies & Risk Management (Webinar)

Speaking Engagement, 7.17.2024

2024 National Association of Patent Practitioners' Annual Meeting & Conference

2.24.2021

2021 Intellectual Property Law Preview

2.10.2021

2020 Year in Review - Intellectual Property Law Update

11.20.2015

2015 Oil and Gas Seminar