D. Patrick O' Reilley

Patrick O' Reilley is a partner in Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner. He leads the firm's technology transaction practice and is a recognized expert in the field. He focuses almost exclusively on transactions involving intellectual property and technology transfer.

Mr. O' Reilley counsels large and small clients on many types of transactions involving intellectual property, ranging from simple license agreements to complex research and marketing collaborations. He assists clients in all phases of such transactions, including formulating strategies for exploiting intellectual property to achieve desired business goals and negotiating and drafting intellectual property-related agreements, such as employment, consulting, joint R&D, license, marketing and distribution, supply, and collaboration agreements. He guides clients through disputes arising from technology transfer contracts and helps clients formulate, negotiate, and prepare agreements settling disputes. He represents clients as licensors and as licensees in all industries that employ technology transactions.

In addition to his transactional work, Mr. O' Reilley assists clients in managing their intellectual property assets. In his career, he has filed and obtained hundreds of domestic and foreign patents and trademarks. He has also played significant roles in numerous trademark infringement, patent infringement, and trade secret misappropriation litigations in federal and state courts and in the International Trade Commission. Mr. O' Reilley's litigation experience includes several trials and post-trial appeals, representing both owners and alleged infringers in many diverse technical fields, and many more litigations where he assisted in settlement. He applies this experience to assist clients in making strategic decisions regarding intellectual property assets.

Mr. O' Reilley has lectured and published on technology licensing and related antitrust issues. He taught licensing as an adjunct professor at George Mason University Law School for twenty years. For over 25 years he has presented courses on drafting patent and know-how licenses for the Patent Resources Group. He has also written many articles on licensing and related competition law matters. He is coauthor of a widely used text on drafting patent and know-how license agreements. He was president of the Licensing Executives Society (USA & Canada) for the 2004-05 year. Mr. O' Reilley is currently the president-elect of LES International.

Admitted:

1975, District of Columbia; 1975, U.S. Court of Customs and Patent Appeals; 1982, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit; registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Education:

George Washington University National Law Center (J.D., 1975); United States Naval Academy (B.S., Engineering, 1966).

Association Involvement:

The District of Columbia Bar; Bar Association of the District of Columbia; American Bar Association; American Intellectual Property Law Association; Licensing Executives Society.

Representative Publications:

"Licensing in a Flat World," Les Nouvelles, June 2006, and LES Viewpoints, August 2005; Coauthor, Drafting Patent License Agreements, 5th ed., BNA, 2004.