

## A.J. Bahou

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A.J. Bahou is an intellectual property attorney who focuses on the intersection of law and technology. A registered patent attorney, trial lawyer, mediator and arbitrator, A.J. has extensive experience in the areas of electrical and computer engineering technologies, including blockchain, artificial intelligence, virtual reality, medical devices, computer hardware and software and Internet security systems. With 15 years of patent litigation experience, A.J. handles the full spectrum of intellectual property litigation from pre-complaint investigation through trial and appeal in matters involving patents, copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets, and commercial disputes.

He has represented both plaintiffs and defendants in IP litigation in jurisdictions across the United States, including the U.S. Federal Circuit and U.S. Supreme Court.

A.J. often serves as outside general counsel for technology companies that value his assistance with patent prosecution and enforcement as well with the drafting of employment and independent contractor agreements that are critical tools in the protection of intellectual property assets.

A significant segment of A.J.'s practice involves emerging technologies, most notably Blockchain and artificial intelligence. He has filed patent applications for clients that are utilizing distributed ledger technology and artificial intelligence/machine learning tools in educational, marketing and healthcare contexts.

### EXPERIENCE

- Represented the Sheriff's Department of a Tennessee county in a patent infringement lawsuit.
- Negotiated research agreement and related patent and intellectual property agreements for GreenWay Herbal Products' licensing agreement with Middle Tennessee State University.
- Assisted client in defense of trademark opposition proceeding.
- Advised the blockchain company regarding IP compliance, audits and due diligence.
- Advised a U.S. lighting and electrical company in a patent lawsuit.
- Represented the fully integrated toy company in its trademark dispute.
- Advised the health plan provider on patents and other intellectual property matters.
- Represented the world's largest medical device company in the patent infringement case involving

spinal implants.

- Represented a biotech company, the patent owner, in an Inter Partes Review for claims that covered a bone grafting synthetic biomaterial compound.
- Represented the internet security company, the patent owner, in this Inter Partes Review of patents related to authenticating data while accessing webpages.
- Represented the IP and tech research company regarding contractual dispute over transaction fee related to a merger.
- Represented the internet security company in the covered business method patent review, including subject matter regarding authenticating webpages.
- Represented a medical company in a patent infringement case involving twelve patents.
- Represented the patent owner in the patent infringement matter.
- Defended a medical device company in a patent infringement case.
- Defended the world's largest medical device company regarding patent infringement suit brought by a major competitor involving pedicle screw spinal implants.

## EDUCATION

- J.D., Franklin Pierce Law Center at the University of New Hampshire
  - Senior Articles Editor, *IDEA® The Journal of Law and Technology*
- LL.M., Franklin Pierce Law Center at the University of New Hampshire, Intellectual Property
- M.S., with honors, John Hopkins University, Electrical and Computer Engineering
- M.B.A., Middle Tennessee State University
- B.S.C.E., Tennessee Technological University

## COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
- U.S. Court of Federal Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. District Courts, All Courts in Tennessee
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas

## BAR ADMISSIONS

- Tennessee
- District of Columbia

## RECOGNITIONS

**Mid-South Super Lawyers (Thomson Reuters)**

- Intellectual Property, 2018-2019

### **Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum (for cases over \$2 million)**

- The Forum is one of the most prestigious groups of trial lawyers in the United States. Membership is limited to attorneys who have won million and multi-million dollar verdicts and settlements. There are over 4,000 members throughout the country. Fewer than 1% of U.S. lawyers are members.

### **Million Dollar Advocate Forum (for cases over \$1 million)**

#### **PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT**

- Member, Giles Sutherland Rich American Inn of Court (Barrister)
- Member, American Intellectual Property Law Association
- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, Federal Circuit Bar Association
- Member, Board of Directors, LaunchTN, 2011-present
- Member, Tennessee Intellectual Property Law Association President, 2014-2015 Member, Board of Directors, 2010-present
- Member, Board of Directors, Middle Tennessee Chapter, Information Systems Security Association, 2017-present
- Chair, Tennessee Bar Association Intellectual Property Executive Council, 2017-2018
- Chair, Nashville Bar Association Intellectual Property Law Section, 2012-2014
- Executive Council, Tennessee Bar Association, General Practice Section, 2012-2014

#### **UP CLOSE**

Enjoys hunting, fishing, hiking, and beach vacations with my wife and three wonderful children.