

Jack Waddey

PARTNER



(615) 850-8752
jack.waddey@wallerlaw.com

Assistant: Sandy Holland
(615) 850-8607
Sandy.Holland@wallerlaw.com

511 Union Street, Suite 2700
Nashville, TN 37219
615.244.6380
615.244.6804

Jack Waddey is a mediator of complicated, sophisticated disputes in intellectual property and business breakups. He was named the "go-to" mediator by the *Nashville Post*, and he is one of 15 mediators on the International Trademark Association panel of mediators for trademark disputes. Jack's history as the leading patent attorney in the area makes his views and counseling on intellectual property strategy a critical component to the long-term success of his many clients, both in terms of profitability and competitive positioning.

Over the past two decades, Jack's practice has increasingly concentrated on Alternate Dispute Resolution, and he has gained a reputation locally, regionally and nationally as the go-to mediator for difficult IP and commercial cases. He is a distinguished fellow of the International Academy of Mediators.

Jack's legal career has focused on intellectual property law and protecting valuable intellectual property assets for clients in a wide range of industries. He views intellectual property strategy as a critical component to a company's long-term success both in terms of profitability and competitive positioning. Over the course of his career, he has assisted clients in obtaining more than 200 patents and developing and managing intellectual property portfolios comprised of thousands of patents and trademarks. His experience includes intellectual property litigation in federal and state courts throughout the country and United States Courts of Appeal.

Highly sought after for his experience and insight, Jack enjoys working with startup companies that are developing new products and technologies as well as advising established organizations that require enhanced IP protection as part of its overall business strategy when they expand into new markets or face new competition.

EDUCATION

- J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, 1970
 - Associate Editor, *Georgetown Law Journal*
- B.S., Auburn University, Aerospace Engineering, 1965

COURT ADMISSIONS

- All State Courts Tennessee
- U.S. District Court, Middle, Western and Eastern Districts of Tennessee
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and Federal Circuit

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Tennessee
- Virginia
- District of Columbia
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

RECOGNITIONS

Chambers USA

- Recognized as a Senior Statesman in Intellectual Property (Tennessee), 2019

The Best Lawyers in America[®] (Woodward/White Inc.)

- Patent Law, 2011-2020
- Trademark Law, 2011-2020

The Best Lawyers in America[®] (Woodward/White Inc.), 2019

- Lawyer of the Year - Patent Law (Nashville)

Mid-South Super Lawyers (Thomson Reuters)

- Intellectual Property (2007-2014)

Nashville Bar Association

- Recognized as one of the "Best of the Bar" for Intellectual Property Law Practice for 2016

The Legal Network

- Recognized as one of the "Top Lawyers in Tennessee" in numerous blind surveys of judges, clients and other lawyers.

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

- Charter Member, Tennessee Academy of Mediators & Arbitrators

- Founding Member and Past President, Tennessee Association of Professional Mediators
- Member, Commercial Mediators Association
- Member, American Bar Association Intellectual Property and Dispute Resolution Sections
- Member, International Trademark Association
- Member, American Intellectual Property Law Association
- Founding Member and Past President, Tennessee Intellectual Property Law Association
- Member, Tennessee Bar Association Past Chairman, TBA Section on Intellectual Property Member, TBA ADR Section
- Member, Nashville Bar Association Secretary/Treasurer, 1974–1975 Member NBA IP and ADR Sections
- Distinguished Fellow, Nashville Bar Foundation
- Board Member, Davidson County Industrial Revenue Board, 1981
- Area Delegate, Tennessee Bar Association, House of Delegates, 1996–2008
- Member, Nashville Technology Council
- Member, Nashville Chamber of Commerce
- Adjunct Faculty Member, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University School of Law; spring semester 2015
- Founding Board Member, Nashville Entrepreneur Center
- Distinguished Fellow and Board Member, International Academy of Mediators

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Founder, Nashville Celtics Basketball Association, an inner-city youth basketball program which has resulted in more than \$10 million in athletic scholarships for program participants
- Chairman, Theta Chi Fundraising and Building Committee, which raised more than \$3 million for the construction of a new fraternity house for the Auburn University chapter of Theta Chi
- Member, Auburn Alumni Engineering Council
 - Chair, Research Committee
- Member, Auburn University School of Engineering
 - Strategic Leadership Team
- Member, Auburn University Long Range Planning Committee