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Inventors and manufacturers turn to Gary Montle knowing that he understands their products and how to protect their intellectual property. As a patent lawyer and former Field Service Engineer, Gary has more than twenty years of hands-on experience working with the technology he protects. He utilizes this experience to prepare and prosecute patents for a variety of electrical products, controls, and software applications.

Gary's career as an engineer before law school gave him international experience on multiple continents, which served him well as an intern at the World Intellectual Property Organization in Geneva, Switzerland. He uses that experience now to advise clients on patent protection and prosecution strategies in Europe, Latin America, and Asia, in addition to the United States.

Gary is active in the legal community as a member of the American Intellectual Property Law Association, Nashville Bar Association, and in the Tennessee Intellectual Property Law Association where he served as President from 2018-2019.

Education

J.D., Vanderbilt University Law School

World Intellectual Property Organization in Switzerland, Internship

B.S., Electrical Engineering, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Emphasis in Instrumentation and Controls

Bar Admissions

Tennessee

Registered Patent Attorney (USPTO)

Experience

REPRESENTATIVE PATENTS

- 10,378,350 Milling machine and process for the operation of a milling machine
- 10,378,163 Automotive milling machine, as well as method for steering an automotive milling machine
- 10,378,162 Automotive construction machine and method for displaying the surroundings of an automotive construction machine
- 10,377,311 Automotive construction machine and method for displaying the surroundings of an automotive construction machine
- 10,370,803 Self-propelled construction machine and method for operating a self propelled construction machine
- 10,368,739 Eye examination apparatus
- 10,362,652 Lighting device with dimming reference control method to stabilize low output current
- 10,362,644 Flyback converter with load condition control circuit
- 10,358,780 Self-propelled construction machine and method for operating a self-propelled construction machine
- 10,356,990 Water conservation apparatus and method for programmable irrigation controllers
- 10,356,873 Multiple interface LED driver with inherent overvoltage protection
- 10,354,228 Method and device for determining an area cut with a cutting roll by at least one construction machine or mining machine
- 10,350,644 System and method for induction-based metal detection and high resolution sorting
- 10,329,910 System and method for the tracking of milling material
- 10,329,715 Real time regulation of yankee dryer coating based on predicted natural coating transfer

Professional Memberships

- American Intellectual Property Law Association
- Nashville Bar Association
 - Board Member for the Young Lawyers Division (2009–2012)
- Tennessee Bar Association
- Tennessee Intellectual Property Law Association, Board Member (2015-2019)
 - Vice President (2017-2018)
 - President (2018-2019)

Presentations & Publications

PRESENTATIONS

- Presented at a Seminar on WIPO Services and Initiatives hosted by Vanderbilt Law School, AIPLA, the USPTO and WIPO, regarding “Global Intellectual Property Systems: Protecting Your Inventions Internationally using the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT),” APRIL 2016
- Co-presented at the Belmont Law Review Symposium on “Our Patent System and Healthcare Information Technology: Valuable Incentive or Impediment to Innovation”, October 2014
- Presented at the Mid-South intellectual Property Institute in Oxford, MS, on “Patent Law 2013 – A Year in Review”, February 2014
- Rocky Mountain Intellectual Property & Technology Law Institute (Westminster, CO):
 - “Where in the World is My Trademark? Lessons from Rocky Top”; May 2017
 - “Hello, My Name is Trademark—Surnames and Trademarks”; May 2019
- Tennessee Intellectual Property Law Association:
 - “Managing the Foreign Patent Portfolio” (panel discussion), Spring 2019
 - “Alice and Abstractness- an Update,” Spring 2017
 - “An Update on Patentable Subject Matter,” Spring 2016
 - “Patent Litigation vs. IPR: A Panel Discussion,” Fall 2015
 - “Virtual Marking,” Spring 2015
 - “Ethics in Initiating Intellectual Property Litigation,” Fall 2013
 - “Patentable Subject Matter and Business Methods,” Spring 2012
 - “Patent Claim Construction,” Spring 2011
- Tennessee Bar Association:
 - “Section 101 Eligibility for Biotech and Software Products,” Spring 2015
 - “Section 101 Eligibility for Biotech and Software Products,” Spring 2014
 - “Section 101 Eligibility for Biotech and Software Products,” Spring 2013
 - “Patent Reform under the America Invents Act,” October 2011
 - “Responding to Cease and Desist Letters,” September 2011
 - “Venue Selection Issues in Patent Law,” February 2011
- Nashville Bar Association:
 - “A Shot of CLE: Alcohol and the Law,” December 2016

- “Brewery Wars: Strategies for Protecting Alcohol-Related Brands,” March 2016

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-authored an article entitled “Our Patent System and Healthcare Information Technology: Valuable Incentive or Impediment to Innovation”, as published in Volume 2 of the 2015 Belmont Law Review
- Authored an article entitled “There’s an App For That—But Does Your Client Own It? Legal Advice for Protecting Mobile Software Apps.” Published in the Nashville Bar Journal, February 2011, Vol. 11, No. 1

Professional Recognition

- Best Lawyers® *Best Lawyers in America*, Patent Law and Trade Secrets Law, 2021, 2022

Outside the Office

Even with coaching his three boys’ various baseball teams, Gary has made time to learn the meaning behind every different-colored lightsaber.