

# PANITCH Intellectual Property Law SCHWARZE

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## Martin G. Belisario Partner

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Martin G. Belisario practices intellectual property and technology law, including representation before the United States Patent and Trademark Office and foreign patent offices, technology licensing, trademarks, copyrights, counseling and litigation. His patent practice focuses primarily on the mechanical arts, including transmissions, HVAC systems, small appliances, medical devices, software and electro/mechanical devices.



### Practice Areas

- Licensing
- Patents
- IP Litigation
- IP Protection
- Trade Secrets
- Trademarks
- Copyrights

### Education

- Drexel University,  
Mechanical Engineering
- Widener University,  
Juris Doctor

### Bar Admissions

- United States Patent and Trademark Office, 1988
- Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 1991
- Federal Circuit, 1992

Mr. Belisario's experience encompasses a broad range of intellectual property and technology issues, including litigating disputes concerning validity and infringement of patents; providing opinions on patent infringement and validity; supervising the preparation and prosecution of both U.S. and foreign patents for large high technology portfolios; and providing counsel on portfolio strategy, including protection options. Mr. Belisario has argued before the European Patent Office and is a frequent speaker on the subjects of technology and intellectual property. Mr. Belisario also counsels his clients in trademark and copyright law.



Prior to joining Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel LLP, Mr. Belisario was a partner at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, LLP and Panitch Schwarze Jacobs & Nadel, P.C. He began his career as a patent examiner with the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Mr. Belisario received his B.S.M.E. in 1985 from Drexel University and his JD. cum laude in 1991 from Widener University, where he was a member of The Delaware Journal of Corporate Law.

Mr. Belisario is admitted to practice before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the United States Patent and Trademark Office. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association and the Philadelphia Intellectual Property Law Association.

Mr. Belisario was named "America's Leading Lawyers for Business" in every edition of Chambers USA since 2005, and has been selected for inclusion in every edition of The



Best Lawyers in America since 2007. In addition, he was named a Pennsylvania "Super Lawyer" in a survey of his peers every year since 2006. Since 2013 Mr. Belisario was named in the Intellectual Asset Management's Patent 1000, one of only six patent prosecution attorneys recommended in the state of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Belisario was published in the 2009 edition of The Licensing Journal, a periodical devoted to leaders in the Intellectual Property and Entertainment Industry. His article was entitled The Sky's the Limit: Understanding How Choice of Business Structure Can Impact the Success of Your Patent Licensing Strategy.

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## Memberships

- World Trade Center of Greater Philadelphia - Member, Board of Directors and Current Secretary, 2005 to Present
- Italy-America Chamber of Commerce of Greater Philadelphia - Member, Board of Directors, 2007 to Present
- Justinian Society of Philadelphia - Member, 2008 to Present; Member, Board of Directors, 2009 to 2015
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Philadelphia Intellectual Property Law Association

## Articles & Presentations

**7 Panitch Schwarze Attorneys Named Among 'Best Lawyers in America' // August 15, 2017**

The intellectual property law firm of Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel LLP is pleased to announce that seven of its attorneys have been named to the 2018 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*®, one of the legal profession's oldest and most respected peer-review publications. [Read more](#)

**Chambers USA Ranks Panitch Schwarze Among Top IP Attorneys for 2017 // May 26, 2017**

Philadelphia and Wilmington IP lawyers ranked among top intellectual property practitioners in U.S. [Read more](#)

**6 Panitch Schwarze Attorneys Named Among 2017 PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars // May 12, 2017**

The Philadelphia intellectual property law firm Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel LLP is pleased to announce that six of its IP attorneys have been named 2017 Pennsylvania Super Lawyers and Rising Stars. [Read more](#)

**Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel Partner Re-Elected to Board of World Trade Center of Greater Philadelphia // January 4, 2017**

Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel is proud to announce that partner Martin G. Belisario will continue to serve on the board of directors of the World Trade Center of Greater Philadelphia and will continue to serve as the organization's secretary. [Read](#)

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**Panitch Schwarze Named a 2017 'Best Law Firm' by U.S. News - Best Lawyers //**

November 1, 2016

The intellectual property law firm Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel LLP is pleased to announce that it again has been named a "Best Law Firm" by U.S. News – Best Lawyers® for 2017, achieving national rankings in the practice areas of intellectual property litigation, trademark law, patent litigation and patent law. [Read more](#)

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August 15, 2016

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**Chambers USA Ranks Panitch Schwarze Attorneys Among Top IP Attorneys for 2016 //**

May 31, 2016

Pennsylvania IP lawyers ranked among top intellectual property practitioners in United States. [Read more](#)

**Thomson Reuters Names 9 Panitch Schwarze Attorneys Among 2016 PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars //**

May 13, 2016

Philadelphia and Wilmington IP lawyers listed among Pennsylvania's and Delaware's elite attorneys. [Read more](#)

**Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel Named a 2016 'Best Law Firm' by U.S. News - Best Lawyers //**

November 2, 2015

Pennsylvania and Delaware intellectual property law firm recognized by peers and clients for excellence in IP law. [Read more](#)

**6 Panitch Schwarze Attorneys Named to 2016 'Best Lawyers in America' //**

August 17, 2015

Pennsylvania and Delaware intellectual property attorneys of Panitch Schwarze have been recognized by peers for excellence in IP law. [Read more](#)

**Panitch Schwarze Attorneys Recognized as 'Leaders in their Field' in Chambers USA 2015 //**

June 16, 2015

Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel LLP is pleased to announce that Ronald L. Panitch, William W. Schwarze, Martin G. Belisario, Alan S. Nadel, and Clark A. Jablon have been ranked as "Leaders in their Field" in the 2015 Chambers & Partners USA Directory in the field of Intellectual Property law. [Read more](#)

**Understanding the Design Patent Hague Agreement //**

June 9, 2015

Martin G. Belisario will be giving a presentation on Understanding the Design Patent Hague Agreement. Lunch will be served. CLE will be applied for but is not guaranteed. [Read more](#)

**9 Panitch Schwarze Attorneys Named Pennsylvania 'Super Lawyers' and 'Rising Stars' for 2015 //**

May 15, 2015

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**Best Practices in Intellectual Property Deadline Management //**

September 9, 2014

Martin G. Belisario, Partner with Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel LLP, will give a presentation on Best Practices for managing Patent and Trademark prosecution

deadlines. Lunch will be provided. CLE will be applied for but is not guaranteed.

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**5 Panitch Schwarze Intellectual Property Attorneys Named in 'Best Lawyers in America' 2015** // August 19, 2014

Intellectual Property attorneys from Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel LLP were included in the oldest and most respected peer-review publication in the legal profession. Best Lawyers recognized each of these attorneys for their Intellectual Property practice. [Read more](#)

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**9 Panitch Schwarze Intellectual Property Attorneys Named Pennsylvania 'Super Lawyers' and 'Rising Stars' for 2013** // May 17, 2013

Pennsylvania "Super Lawyers" 2013 lists four attorneys from Panitch Schwarze Belisario and Nadel LLP as top lawyers in the state along with five attorneys as Pennsylvania "Rising Stars." [Read more](#)

**Panitch Schwarze Belisario and Nadel Intellectual Property Lawyers Named 'Best Lawyers in America'** // September 17, 2012

Four Panitch Schwarze Belisario and Nadel LLP attorneys were chosen by their peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America® 2013. A listing in this publication is widely regarded by both clients and legal professionals as a singular honor. [Read more](#)

**Panitch Schwarze Earns High Rankings in 2012 Chambers USA Guide** // July 11, 2012

The boutique IP law firm of Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel LLP earned five lawyer rankings for intellectual property lawyers in Pennsylvania in this year's Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business. The five lawyers recognized by Chambers include Founding Partners Ronald Panitch, William Schwarze, Martin Belisario, Alan Nadel and Clark Jablon. [Read more](#)

**Martin Belisario Re-Elected to the Board of Governors of the Justinian Society** // July 5, 2012

Intellectual Property attorney Martin Belisario of Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel

LLP has been re-elected to another three-year term as a Board of Governors for the Justinian Society, a legal association comprised of attorneys, judges and law students of Italian ancestry. [Read more](#)

#### **7 IP Attorneys with Panitch Schwarze Named Pennsylvania 'Super Lawyers' and 'Rising Stars' for 2012 // March 23, 2012**

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#### **Leahy-Smith America Invents Act - Live Seminar & Webinar // November 30, 2011**

Panitch Schwarze attorneys Alan Nadel, Clark Jablon, John Simmons, and Dennis Butler hosted a live seminar and webcast entitled "Leahy-Smith America Invents Act" on November 30, 2011. [Read more](#)

#### **4 Panitch Schwarze Intellectual Property Attorneys Named 'Best Lawyers in America' for 2012 // November 18, 2011**

Four attorneys were recently selected by their peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2012-2013. In addition, the firm was ranked in the Best Law Firms rankings, published in November's U.S. News and World Report's Money issue. [Read more](#)

#### **Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel IP Partner Speaks at the World Trade Center's Entrepreneurship Seminar // October 7, 2011**

Philadelphia Intellectual Property attorney Martin Belisario of Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel LLP will be a featured speaker at The World Trade Center's "From Entrepreneur to Exporter" seminar to be presented at the University Science Center on October 18, 2011. Belisario will give tips on protecting and enforcing intellectual property rights in foreign markets. [Read more](#)

## Honors & Awards

- Selected as a "Leader in the Field" of Intellectual Property for Pennsylvania by *Chambers & Partners USA*, 2005 - present
- Selected to *Best Lawyers in America*® in the area of Intellectual Property, 2007 - present
- Named a Pennsylvania "Super Lawyer," 2006 - present, by Thomson Reuters, publishers of *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers*
- IAM Patent 1000, 2013 - present, Recommended Lawyer - Patent Prosecution

## Blog

[January 30, 2018](#)

### **Do You Have European Patents? Get Ready for the UPC**

In the nearly five years since 25 European Union states signed an intergovernmental agreement to create a Unified Patent Court (UPC), a number of political obstacles have arisen to delay its enactment. Those obstacles are beginning to resolve, however, and it is time to begin thinking about how the Unitary Patent will affect your IP portfolio strategy. [Read more](#)

[June 7, 2017](#)

### **UPC Update: Surprise UK Elections Likely to Delay Start of Unitary Patent System**

As we have discussed previously, European Union member countries are completing the final steps to implement an intergovernmental system that will streamline the process for securing and enforcing patent rights across Europe. Having a simpler, centralized system in place will open up a new patent portfolio management strategy for small and medium-sized IP-driven companies. [Read more](#)

[July 7, 2016](#)

### **What Does the Brexit Vote Mean for IP Protection?**

As is well known by now, the citizens of Great Britain have chosen to leave the European Union (EU), a move popularly dubbed the “Brexit.” Despite the economic upheaval and media firestorm surrounding the vote, the realm of intellectual property law is unlikely to see any immediate consequences from the Brexit. [Read more](#)

[June 16, 2016](#)

### **What the UPC Means for Your Patent Strategy**

The process for securing patent protection and for enforcing patent rights in the European Union soon will become much simpler, opening up a new patent portfolio management strategy that previously might have been out of reach of many small and medium-sized IP-driven companies. [Read more](#)

[November 25, 2015](#)

### **When Is a Provisional Patent Application a Good Strategy?**

Invention is not always a linear or straightforward process. It’s often messy and organic, with lots of trial and error. And while the inventor is focused on inventing, protecting any associated intellectual property rights may not be their top priority. The Philadelphia patent lawyers at Panitch Schwarze have seen time and again that a legitimate invention may exist well before it is ready to be finalized for commercial production. [Read more](#)

## **Get To Know**

Mr. Belisario enjoys playing ice hockey and fishing. He is a regular fan of Philadelphia sports teams including the Eagles, Phillies and Flyers.