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Practice Areas

- IP Protection
- IP Litigation

Education

- Drexel University, BS, Electrical Engineering
- Temple University, Juris Doctor

Bar Admissions

- Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, 2006
- United States District for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 2006
- United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, 2007
- United States Supreme Court, 2011
- Supreme Court of Delaware, 2014
- United States District Court for the District of Delaware, 2014

See John's entire interview for the Masters of IP Law series on ReelLawyers.com

An inventor holding patents related to instrumentation and software, John D. Simmons is an intellectual property attorney and was formerly a licensed professional engineer in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Washington D.C., and Maryland.

Mr. Simmons focuses his practice on IP litigation including patent, trademark, copyright, trade secrets, computer fraud and abuse, cybersquatting and licensing/contract disputes. He has litigated cases involving a wide variety of technologies, including instrumentation, gaming devices, video games, software, Internet security software/systems, ionization systems, industrial designs and medical devices. He also has extensive patent drafting, due diligence, opinion writing and licensing experience.

Prior to joining Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel LLP, Mr. Simmons was an associate and patent agent at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld. He was previously an executive manager at Roberts Services, Inc. and also a process control engineer at John Brown Engineering & Construction.

He is admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, the Supreme Court of the United States, Supreme Court of Delaware, and United States District Court for the District of Delaware. He also is registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Mr. Simmons was named a Pennsylvania "Rising Star" by Thomson Reuters from 2010 to 2014 and selected as one of the Best Lawyers in America® starting in 2015.

He received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Drexel University, where he was a member of the Eta Kappa Nu honor society of electrical engineers, and received his law degree magna cum laude from Temple University Beasley School of Law, graduating first in his class.

Memberships

- Federal Bar Association, Member, 2014 – present
- Delaware Bar Association, Member, 2014 – present
- Pennsylvania Bar Association, Member, 2007 – present
- Philadelphia Bar Association, Member, 2006 – present
- PIPLA, Member, 2003 – present
- PIPLA, Vice President, 2015
- PIPLA, Treasurer, 2013 – 2014
- PIPLA, Board Member, 2010 – 2011
- PIPLA, President, 2017 – 2018

Representative Matters

Representative Litigation Matters

- *6115187 Canada Inc. v. Samsung Techwin America et al.*, DDE, represented plaintiff, patent infringement
- *Advertising Specialty Institute, Inc. v. Landmark Corporate Marketing, et al.*, PAED, represented defendant Landmark Corporate Marketing, trade secrets, computer fraud and contract
- *Advertising Specialty Institute v. Trade Only Inc. Et al.* represented defendant, computer fraud and abuse act and copyright infringement
- *Alex Is The Best, LLC v. Blu Products, Inc.*, DDE, represented defendant Blu Products, patent infringement
- *Aletto Brothers, Inc. v. Oscar Heyman & Brothers, Inc.*, SDNY, represented defendant,
- *Alzheimer's Institute Of America, Inc. v. Avid Radiopharmaceuticals et al.*, PAED, represented defendant Avid, patent infringement
- *AMI Entertainment Network, Inc. v. A&E Television Networks, LLC*, PAED, represented plaintiff, trademark infringement
- *AMI Entertainment Network, Inc. v. Big Fish Games, Inc.*, PAED, represented plaintiff, patent infringement
- *Ami Entertainment Network, LLC v. E La Carte, Inc.*, DDE, represented plaintiff, patent infringement
- *Aperio Technologies, Inc. v. Olympus America Inc., et al.*, DDE, represented defendants, patent infringement and parallel *Inter Partes* Reexamination
- *Atomizing Systems, Inc. v. True Fog USA et al.*, NJD, represented plaintiff, copyright infringement
- *Brentwood Industries, Inc. v. E-Polytech Mfg Sys, LLC et al.*, PAED, represented plaintiff, theft of trade secrets and breach of non-disclosure agreement
- *Brentwood Industries, Inc. v. Stinger Equipment, Inc.*, KYWD, represented plaintiff, patent infringement

- *Baby Merlin Company v. Cribculture, Llc et al.*, INSD, represented plaintiff, trademark infringement
- *Broadband iTV v. Hawaiian Telcom, TWC, et al.* HID, represented plaintiff, patent infringement
- *Best Energy Reduction Technologies v. Boss Controls*, PAED, represented plaintiff, patent and copyright infringement and unfair competition
- *Blackbird Tech LLC v. Hyperikon, Inc.*, DDE, represented plaintiff, patent infringement
- *BSES Limited v. LT Industries, Inc.*, DMD, represented plaintiff, patent infringement
- *Candella, LLC v. Primitives by Kathy, Inc.*, DMN, represented defendant, copyright infringement
- *Celgard, LLC v. Sumitomo Chemical Company, Ltd.*, WDNC, represented defendant, patent infringement
- *Chia Yi Chin Jwu Enterprises Co. Ltd. v. IDEA Nuova, Inc. et al.*, SDNY, represented defendant, patent infringement
- *Corporate Web Solutions Ltd. V. N. Harris Computer Corp. D/B/A Harris Computer et al.*, PAED, represented plaintiff, copyright infringement
- *Crystal Image Technology, Inc. v. Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd*, PAWD, represented defendant, patent infringement.
- *DMI Sports, Inc. v. Regent Sports Corp.*, PAED, represented plaintiff, patent infringement
- *Dominion Energy, Inc. Et Al v. Alstom Grid, Inc.*, PAED, represented plaintiffs, patent infringement
- *E. J. Breneman v. Road Science*, PAED, represented defendant, patent infringement
- *Endeavor Meshtech, Inc. v. Aclara*, DDE, represent defendant, patent infringement
- *Ewing v. SA-GE Collectibles, Inc.*, NDTX, represented defendant, copyright and trademark infringement
- *F2vs Technologies, LLC v. Silvair, Inc.*, DDE, represented defendant, patent infringement
- *Fish Net, Inc. v. Foster and Smith, Inc. et al.*, PAED, represented defendant, , trademark infringement and cybersquatting
- *Gamajet Cleaning Systems, Inc. v. Spraying Systems Co.*, PAED, represented plaintiff, patent and copyright infringement
- *Gordium Innovations, LLC. v. Overture Networks, Inc.*, DDE, represented defendant, patent infringement
- *Grandeye Limited v. ImmerVision*, TXWD, represented defendant, , patent infringement
- *Hamilton Beach Brands, Inc. v. Sunbeam Products, Inc.*, VAED, represented plaintiff, patent infringement
- *Henry Company v. Stelwagon Roofing Supply, Inc.*, PAED, represented plaintiff, trademark infringement
- *Heraeus Electro-Nite Co. v. Midwest Instrument*, PAED, represented plaintiff, patent infringement
- *Heraeus Electro-Nite Co. v. Vesuvius USA Corp.*, PAED, represented plaintiff, patent infringement and parallel *Ex Partes* Reexamination
- *Huhtamaki Inc. and Future Mold v. International Container Corp. et al.*, MIED, represent defendants, patent infringement
- *International Container Corp. v. Huhtamaki Inc.*, DDE, represented plaintiff, patent infringement
- *Idea Nuova, Inc. v. Tween Brands, Inc.*, SDNY, represented plaintiff, patent infringement
- *Illinois Tool Works Inc. v. Ion Systems*, PAED, represented plaintiff, patent infringement
- *ImmerVision v. CBC Co., Ltd. and CBC (America) Corp.*, DDE, represented plaintiff, ImmerVision, patent infringement

- *ImmerVision v. Vivotek Corp.*, DNV, represented plaintiff, patent infringement
- *Jsdq Mesh Technologies LLC v. Leviton Manufacturing Co. Inc. et al.*, DDE, patent infringement
- *Karl Storz Endoscopy-America, Inc. v. Richard Wolf Medical Instruments Corp.*, NDIL, represented defendant patent infringement
- *Konami Gaming v. Lightning Gaming*, NVD, represent defendant, patent infringement
- *Lamm Rubenstone, LLC Et Al v. Lesavoy et al.*, PAED, represented plaintiff, stored communication act, computer theft and abuse act, and state tort claims
- *LaserMax v. Sellmark, et al.*, DDE, represent plaintiff, patent infringement
- *Life Alert Emergency Response, Inc. v. Excelsis Investments, Inc. et al.*, DDE, represented plaintiff, patent infringement
- *Life Alert Emergency Response, Inc. v. International Marketing Group, Inc.*, MOED, represented plaintiff, design and copyright infringement
- *Lux Products Corp. v. Elementi Moderni, LLC*, DDE, represented plaintiff, patent infringement
- *Mattern & Associates v. Cozen O'Connor*, PAED, represented plaintiff, Mattern & Associates, copyright infringement
- *Mattern & Associates, LLC V. T. & G. Industries, Inc.*, PAED, represented plaintiff, copyright infringement
- *Medicis Pharmaceutical Corporation et al. v. Activis MidAtlantic LLC*, DDE, represented plaintiff, Alyzan, Inc., patent infringement
- *Medicis Pharmaceutical Corporation, et al. v. Stiefel Laboratories, Inc.*, TXWD, represented plaintiff, Alyzan, Inc., patent infringement
- *Megatouch LLC v. King Digital Entertainment Plc et al.*, DDE, patent infringement
- *Merit Industries, Inc. v. JVL Corp*, PAED, represented plaintiff, patent infringement and parallel *Ex Partes* Reexamination
- *Miller Edge, Inc. v. Aso Gmbh U. Co. Kg et al.*, PAED, represented plaintiff, patent infringement
- *MiMedx Group Inc. et al v. Liventa, et al.*, NDGA, represent defendant, Liventa, patent infringement
- *New Balance Athletics, Inc. v. USA New Bunren International Co. Limited LLC*, DDE, represented defendant, trademark infringement
- *Nobel Learning Communities, Inc. V. Paladin Academy*, MND, represented plaintiff, copyright infringement
- *NorCom v. IsoVac*, PAED, represent plaintiff, patent infringement
- *Patent Group v. Vesdia Corporation*, EDTX, represented defendant, patent infringement
- *Penn Emblem Company v. World Emblem International*, FLSD, represented plaintiff, patent infringement
- *Playworld v. BCI Burke, LLC*, PAED, represented defendant, trade dress and trademark infringement
- *Prism Technologies, LLC v. VeriSign, Inc. et al.*, DDE, represented defendant, VeriSign, Inc., patent infringement
- *Ra Sushi Holding Corporation v. 1225 Raw, Inc.*, PAED, represented plaintiff, trademark infringement
- *Robinson & Cole Llp v. Mattern & Associates, LLC*, CTD, represented defendant, declaratory judgement copyright infringement
- *Schiller Grounds Care, Inc. v. The Toro Company*, PAED, represented plaintiff, patent infringement
- *ScriptPro, LLC v. Yuyama USA et al.*, KSD, represented defendants, patent infringement
- *Skyline Toolworks Llc v. Techna Clip, LLC*, represented plaintiff, patent infringement
- *Slingmax, Inc. v. Marcal Rope & Rigging, Inc. Et al.* MOED, represented plaintiff, patent infringement

- *Source, Inc. v. Access Development, Inc. et al.*, EDTX, represented defendant(s), Mall Networks, patent infringement
- *Syngy, Inc. v. ZS Associates and NovoNordisk*, PAED, represented plaintiff, copyright infringement and unfair competition
- *Syncloud Technologies, LLC v. Blu Products, Inc.*, DDE represented defendant, patent infringement
- *Tabletop Media, LLC v. Ami Entertainment Network, LLC*, DDE, represented defendant, declaratory judgement patent infringement
- *T.C. Millwork, Inc. et al. v. KGM Gaming, LLC*, PAED., represented defendant(s), patent infringement and state law tort claims
- *Thomas Skold v. Galderma Laboratories, LP, et al.*, PAED, represent defendant, copyright and trademark infringement
- *TuitionFund, LLC v. Suntrust Banks et al.*, TNMD, defendants Cartera Commerce, SunTrust Bank, and Vesdia, patent infringement and parallel *Inter Partes* Reexamination
- *Viskase Companies, Inc. v. World PAC Int'l AG et al.*, VAED, represented defendants, patent infringement and state law tort claims
- *Yuyama Manufacturing Company, Ltd. v. JVM Limited*, DMD, represented plaintiff, patent infringement
- *Zenith Products Corp. v. Elite Home Fashions, LLC et al.*, PAED, represented plaintiff, design patent infringement
- *Zenith Products Corp. v. Splash Home, Inc.*, PAED, represented plaintiff, design patent infringement
- *Zenith Products Corporation v. Carnation Home Fashions, Inc.*, DDE, represented plaintiff, trademark and copyright infringement
- *Zenith Products Corporation v. Design Home Solutions, LLC*, FLSD, represented plaintiff, patent infringement
- *Zenith Products Corporation v. DHI Corp.*, WIWD, represented plaintiff, Zenith Products Corporation, patent infringement
- *Zenith Products Corporation v. Hardware Resources*, PAMD, represented plaintiff, copyright infringement
- *Zenith Products Corporation v. Kenney Manufacturing*, RID, represented plaintiff, patent and trade dress infringement
- *Zenith Products Corporation v. LTD Commodities AVEO*, DDE, represented plaintiff, patent infringement
- *Zenith Products Corp v. Mambate Usa Inc.* DDE, represented plaintiff, patent infringement
- *Zenith Products Corporation v. Organize-It-All, Inc.*, NJD, represented plaintiff, copyright infringement
- *Zenith Products Corporation v. Popular Bath*, DDE, represented plaintiff, patent infringement
- *Zenith Products Corp. v. Splash Home, Inc.*, PAED., represented plaintiff, patent and copyright infringement
- *Zig Zag Innovations, Llc v. Leviton Manufacturing Co., Inc.*, DDE, represented defendant, patent infringement

Representative Post-Grant Review Matters

- CBM2014-00189 Hawaiian Telcom, Inc. v. Broadband iTV, Inc.
- IPR2015-01448 Funai Electric Co., Ltd. v. Gold Charm Limited
- IPR2015-01416 Samsung Display Co., Ltd. v. Gold Charm Limited
- IPR2015-01491 Funai Electric Co., Ltd. v. Gold Charm Limited,
- IPR2015-01499 Samsung Display Co., Ltd. v. Gold Charm Limited

- IPR2015-01525 Toshiba Corporation v. Gold Charm Limited
- IPR2015-01479 Toshiba Corporation v. Gold Charm Limited
- IPR2015-01469 Samsung Display Co., Ltd. v. Gold Charm Limited
- IPR2016-00462 Toshiba Corporation v. Gold Charm Limited
- IPR2014-01222 Unified Patents, Inc. v. Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel LLP
- IPR2015-01468 Funai Electric Co., Ltd. v. Gold Charm Limited
- IPR2015-01497 Toshiba Corporation v. Gold Charm Limited
- IPR2015-01417 Samsung Display Co., Ltd. v. Gold Charm Limited
- IPR2015-01452 Samsung Display Co., Ltd. v. Gold Charm Limited
- IPR2014-01438 Panasonic System Networks Co., Ltd. v. 6115187 CANADA INC.
- IPR2016-01143 Hamamatsu Corporation v. PRESIDENT & FELLOWS OF HARVARD COLLEGE
- IPR2016-01910 Hamamatsu Corporation v. SiOnyx, LLC
- IPR2017-00909 Hamamatsu Corporation v. PRESIDENT & FELLOWS OF HARVARD COLLEGE
- IPR2018-01006 MacSports, Inc. v. Idea Nuova, Inc.
- IPR2020-00179 LG Electronics Inc. v. ImmverVision, Inc.
- IPR2020-00195 LG Electronics Inc. v. ImmerVision, Inc.

Representative Inter Partes Reexaminations Corresponding to Co-pending Litigations

- 95/001,606 TuitionFund, LLC v. Cartera Commerce, Inc. and Vesdia Corporation, et al.
- 95/001,604 TuitionFund, LLC v. Cartera Commerce, Inc. and Vesdia Corporation, et al.
- 95/001,601 TuitionFund, LLC v. Cartera Commerce, Inc. and Vesdia Corporation, et al.
- 95/001,226 Chia Yi Chin Jwu Enterprise Co., Ltd. v. Idea Nuova, Inc., et al.
- 95/000,518 Aperio Technologies Inc. v. Olympus America Inc. et al.
- 95/000,517 Aperio Technologies Inc. v. Olympus America Inc. et al.
- 95/000,516 Aperio Technologies Inc. v. Olympus America Inc. et al.
- 95/000,421 T.C. Millwork, Inc. and A.C. Coin and Slot Service Co., Inc. v. KGM Gaming LLC
- 95/000,420 T.C. Millwork, Inc. and A.C. Coin and Slot Service Co., Inc. v. KGM Gaming LLC
- 95/000,296 Datalogic Scanning, Inc. v. Metrologic Instruments, Inc.
- 95/000,289 Datalogic Scanning, Inc. v. Metrologic Instruments, Inc.

Articles & Presentations

Panitch Schwarze Lawyers Named Among 'The Best Lawyers in America' for 2022

// August 19, 2021

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Nine Panitch Schwarze Attorneys Named Among 2021 PA Super Lawyers // June 7, 2021

Philadelphia IP lawyers listed among Pennsylvania's elite attorneys by Thomson Reuters. [Read more](#)

Panitch Schwarze Patent Litigation Team Wins PTAB Proceeding for Client ImmerVision // May 14, 2021

In this inter partes review, the petitioner challenged a patent owned by Panitch Schwarze client ImmerVision. [Read more](#)

Patent Litigation 101: A General Overview of Patent Litigation for Non-Litigators // December 17, 2020

This course will explain the milestones in a basic patent litigation from both a plaintiff's and defendant's position including claims and defenses, budget, and co-pending inter partes/post-grant review. [Read more](#)

The Pandemic's Likely Permanent Impact on Depositions // November 30, 2020

Our firm improved our operating efficiency by eliminating commute times when, in March 2020 at the beginning of the pandemic, we bought laptops for our administrative staff, and within a week, our entire firm was working 100 percent remotely. [Read more](#)

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Panitch Schwarze Wins Case in Front of Trademark Trial and Appeal Board // November 11, 2019

Philadelphia IP firm wins decision on behalf of The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company's registered mark Lincoln TermAccel® [Read more](#)

6 Panitch Schwarze Attorneys Named Among 2020 'Best Lawyers in America', 1 Named Lawyer of The Year // August 15, 2019

Philadelphia intellectual property lawyers listed among best in nation [Read more](#)

5 Panitch Schwarze Attorneys Named Among 2019 PA Super Lawyers // May 9, 2019

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PTAB Declines to Review Panitch Schwarze Client's Design Patent, Allowing it to Remain Valid // November 20, 2018

Law360 covered a recent decision by the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) that effectively upheld a patent granted to Panitch Schwarze client Idea Nuova Inc. The PTAB declined a request for inter partes review of a patent held by Idea Nuova covering the design of a foldable chair. [Read more](#)

6 Panitch Schwarze Attorneys Named Among 2019 'Best Lawyers in America', 1 Named Lawyer of The Year

[Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel LLP](#) is pleased to announce that seven of its attorneys have been named to the 2019 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*®, one of the legal profession's oldest and most respected peer-review publications. In addition, partner [Ronald L. Panitch](#) was named the *Best Lawyers 2019 Lawyer of The Year* in the practice area of trade secrets law. [Read more](#)

7 Panitch Schwarze Attorneys Named Among 2018 PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars // May 18, 2018

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Panitch Schwarze Partners Participate in Annual Joint Patent Practice Seminar // May 7, 2018

Panitch Schwarze partners John Simmons and Dennis Butler participated in the 34th Annual Joint Patent Practice Seminar on May 2 in New York City. The JPPCLE is an annual one-day seminar that features knowledgeable speakers such as judges, government officials, and attorneys discussing the latest trends and important topics in intellectual property law. [Read more](#)

PIPLA Year in Review Meeting // April 30, 2018

Panitch Schwarze partner John Simmons, who also serves as president of the Philadelphia Intellectual Property Association (PIPLA), is proud to announce that the organization's annual year-in-review meeting will be held May 10, 2018. [Read more](#)

PIPLA Hosts CLE with Commissioner of Patents Andrew Hirschfield // April 24, 2018

Panitch Schwarze partner [John Simmons](#), who also serves as president of the Philadelphia Intellectual Property Association (PIPLA), is proud to announce that the organization's April meeting featured speaker Andrew Hirschfield, the Commissioner of Patents for the United States Patent and Trademark office. [Read more](#)

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John Simmons Quoted in Law360 re Japanese Optical Manufacturer IP Case // March 29, 2018

Panitch Schwarze partner [John Simmons](#) was quoted in Law360 regarding a recent summary judgment hearing in federal court. The case involves the firm's client Hamamatsu Photonics K.K., a Japanese optical manufacturer. [Read more](#)

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Intellectual Property Attorney John D. Simmons Organizes PIPLA CLE // February 2, 2018

Program by Michael W. Shore, attorney and partner at the Dallas law firm of Shore Chan DePumpo LLP, discussed the use of sovereign immunity to deter Inter Partes Review challenges [Read more](#)

PTAB Rules in Favor of Hamamatsu Corporation Over Harvard Patent // December 20, 2017

Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel LLP is pleased to announce that the United States Patent and Trademark Office's Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) has ruled in favor of its client, Hamamatsu Corporation. [Read more](#)

IP Attorney John D. Simmons Assumes Presidency of PIPLA // November 7, 2017
Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel LLP is proud to announce that John D. Simmons will lead the Philadelphia Intellectual Property Law Association (PIPLA) for the 2017 – 2018 program year, while attorney Keith A. Jones will continue to serve on the organization's board. [Read more](#)

John D. Simmons and Bridget H. Labutta Attend Global IP Conference // June 27, 2017
Intellectual property attorneys John D. Simmons and Bridget H. Labutta attended the May conference of the International Trademark Association in Barcelona, Spain. During the conference, more than 10,200 brand management, trademark, and other IP professionals met for five days of intense learning, business strategy meetings, and networking. [Read more](#)

The Legal Intelligencer's 'Top Verdicts of 2016' Includes Win by Panitch Schwarze Partner // May 23, 2017
Partner John D. Simmons' work with Dominion Resources was included in The Legal Intelligencer's "Top Pennsylvania Verdicts of 2016." [Read more](#)

John D. Simmons to Lead Philadelphia IP Law Association // May 18, 2017
Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel is proud to announce that partner John D. Simmons has been elected to serve as president of the Philadelphia Intellectual Property Law Association (PIPLA). [Read more](#)

Corporate Counsel Publishes Panitch Schwarze Attorneys' Article on Venue // February 23, 2017
Panitch Schwarze partner John D. Simmons, along with associate Keith A. Jones, wrote an article entitled, "Is Change on the Way for Patent Litigation Rules?" [Read more](#)

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](#)

Panitch Schwarze Attorneys to Help Govern Philadelphia IP Law Association // October 11, 2016
The Philadelphia intellectual property law firm Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel is proud to announce that two of its attorneys have been elected to leadership roles in the Philadelphia Intellectual Property Law Association (PIPLA) for the 2016 – 2017 program year. John D. Simmons will serve as President-Elect and Keith A. Jones will serve on the Board of Governors. [Read more](#)

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Thomson Reuters Names 8 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](#)

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

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Panitch Schwarze Successful in Defeating Inter Partes Review Attempt by Unified Patents Inc. // January 8, 2015

Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel LLP is pleased to announce that on behalf of its client, Broad Band iTV (BBiTV), it has been successful in defeating an attempt by Unified Patents, Inc. to initiate an Inter Partes Review before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board against BBiTV's patent. [Read more](#)

Panitch Schwarze Opens New Location in Delaware // September 10, 2014

Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel LLP is pleased to announce its expansion of its Intellectual Property practice with the opening of a new Wilmington, Delaware office. [Read more](#)

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selected to the Pennsylvania Super Lawyers list 4 of the top attorneys in Pennsylvania for 2012. No more than 5 percent of the lawyers in the state are selected by Super Lawyers. [Read more](#)

Panitch Schwarze Hosts Leahy-Smith America Invents Act Live Seminar & Webinar // December 16, 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. The presentation discussed major changes found in the sweeping new law including the introduction of the first-to-file system, the post grant review proceedings, and the impact this will have on patent litigation. [Read more](#)

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

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Honors & Awards

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Blog

July 9, 2018

When Will the Patent Office Issue Patent #20,000,000?

On June 19th, the US Patent Office issued its ten millionth patent, to Raytheon, just over three years after it issued the ninth millionth patent to WiperFill Holdings, LLC. It

took 200 years for the total number of U.S. patents to reach 5 million. [Read more](#)

[May 22, 2017](#)

U.S. Supreme Court Upsets 30 Years of Precedent, Changing Where Companies Can Be Sued for Patent Infringement

The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday, May 22, 2017, changed the playing field regarding where patent owners can file infringement lawsuits against accused infringers. [Read more](#)

[November 5, 2015](#)

When Can Customer Information be Considered a Trade Secret?

We've recently discussed trade secrets, any information known to you but not to others that gives you a business advantage. While examples such as product designs and secret recipes are good examples of intellectual property that can be treated as trade secrets, we frequently are asked about one business advantage that is not so clear cut: customer information. [Read more](#)

[October 1, 2015](#)

3 Ways a Competitor Can Legally Acquire Your Trade Secrets

Trade secrets are a form of intellectual property protection that are distinct from patents, with which they are often confused. A trade secret is any information that is known to you, but not to others, that gives you a commercial advantage. [Read more](#)

[September 24, 2015](#)

Trade Secrets: The Other Intellectual Property

Most business owners are at least passingly familiar with trademarks, copyrights, and patents. There is another type of IP, however: trade secrets. This category is widely misunderstood. [Read more](#)

[May 28, 2014](#)

Sierra Railroaded by Theft of Trade Secrets

On May 1, a federal jury in California awarded \$17.4 million in punitive damages be paid by Patriot Rail Company LLC to Sierra Railroad Co. less than two months after awarding a \$22.3 million verdict for misappropriation of trade secrets. [Read more](#)

[April 9, 2014](#)

Enforcing Trade Secrets in One Case May Void Trade Secrets in a Future Case: U.S. Court Voids \$920 Million DuPont Award in Kevlar Case

On April 3, the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals vacated a \$919.9 million verdict awarded to DuPont in a theft of trade secrets action against Kolon Industries, Inc. The award was the third largest U.S. jury verdict in 2011. A new trial has been ordered. [Read more](#)

[March 20, 2014](#)

PNC Sues Former Executive and Morgan Stanley Over Theft of Trade Secrets

On March 14, PNC Financial Services Group filed suit in the Western District of Pennsylvania against one of its former executives and Morgan Stanley Inc. over allegations of the theft of trade secrets. PNC alleges that Eileen Daly, a former senior vice president at PNC, along with three other PNC employees, obtained confidential customer information during their employment that they have since used to draw customers to their new positions at Morgan Stanley, in violation of Daly's employment agreement. [Read more](#)

[March 17, 2014](#)

SK Hynix Sued by SanDisk and Toshiba, Employee Arrested in Japan for Theft of Trade Secrets

A large dispute is brewing in both Asia and the United States over the alleged actions

of a former employee of flash memory manufacturer SanDisk. On March 13, the Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department arrested Yoshitaka Sugita over actions he took while employed at SanDisk in 2007 and 2008. [Read more](#)

June 25, 2013

GM Trade Secret Suspect Learns That Stealing Information Can Lead to Jail

In the intangible world of intellectual property, it is often easy to overlook the possible criminal penalties associated with trade secret theft. Yu Qin, a former electrical engineer for General Motors Corp. (â€œGMâ€), learned about such ramifications last month when he was sentenced to three years in prison for copying thousands of confidential GM documents pertaining to the automakerâ€™s hybrid cars. [Read more](#)

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