

## Walter J. Kawula, Jr.

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### Legal and Business Experience

Walter J. Kawula, Jr. matches real-world engineering knowledge with extensive patent litigation and patent prosecution experience. Walter's industry experience includes designing application-specific integrated circuits (ASICs) and circuit boards for telecommunications switching equipment, manufactured by Rockwell International. He also invented a circuit for multiplexing signaling data with traffic data in an electronic cross-connect (U.S. Patent No. 4,937,820.)

He uses his engineering experience for drafting patent applications, analyses of prior art, product clearances, patent appeals, analyses of competitors' designs, engaging technical experts to develop testimony for trial and patent claim construction hearings. He is equally at ease interviewing engineers to elicit the patentable aspects of their innovations as he is in communicating those innovations to a district court judge hearing a patent case.

In addition to his professional background as an electrical engineer, Walter has experience with the legal aspects of various technologies, including semiconductor device fabrication; digital telephony protocols; Internet protocols and addressing; Internet programming languages; industrial networks; embedded real-time computer systems; computer peripheral communications; computer disk drives and file systems; relational databases and data mining; computer programming; cellular telephone protocols; radio frequency transmission and reception; television tuners; and mobile commerce/mobile applications. This broad base of knowledge enables Walter to quickly grasp complex technologies, which leads to better, more efficient legal results.

Walter leverages this experience in technology and patent law when performing due diligence reviews of Intellectual Property portfolios and open source code compliance, and data security and data privacy reviews.

### Representative Experience

- Providing strategic patent counseling to CommScope Inc., a leading manufacturer of wireless cellular base station antennas and related equipment, including securing patent rights in core technologies.
- Counseling C-Sam Inc. on patent matters regarding its core mobile payment technologies, from start-up to commercial adoption.
- Appealed to Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences to secure patent rights on pioneering mobile payments technologies. *Ex parte Pitroda*, Appeal No. 2004-000297; *Ex parte Pitroda*, Appeal No. 2011-005589.
- Participated in appeal of a multimillion-dollar jury verdict before the U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit, with favorable results. *Eaton Corp. v. Rockwell International Corp. and ArvinMeritor Inc.*, 323 F.3d 1332, 66 USPQ2d 1271 (Fed.Cir. 2003).
- Represented patent licensing company in multidistrict patent litigation, including conducting *Markman* hearing.

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- Defended against \$500 million claim of patent misuse. *Minebea Co. v. Papst Licensing*, 444 F. Supp.2d 68 (D.D.C. 2006).

### Professional

Partner, Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP, 2015 to present.

Partner, Husch Blackwell LLP, 2008-2015.

Partner, Welsh & Katz, Ltd., 1994-2008.

### Admissions

Admitted to the Illinois Bar, 1994.

Licensed to practice before the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, 1994; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, 2001; and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 1996.

### Publications and Speaking Engagements

- Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago, 26th Annual Trade Secrets Seminar, Trade Secrets and Data Privacy, June 23, 2016
- India-United States Cross Border Investment 2.0: Counseling in Reform Environments; February 2016, speaker on Intellectual Property in the U.S. and Patent Protection in India and Globally panels.
- Sedona Conference Working Group 11: Data Security and Privacy Liability Annual Meeting, November 2015, Brainstorming Group on Mergers and Acquisitions
- ACI 17th Advanced Global Legal and Compliance Forum on Cyber Security & Data Privacy and Protection, October, 2015, The Internet of Things: Security, Privacy, and the Related Technology to Collect Data

### Associations

- American Bar Association: Member.
- IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers): member
- Sedona Conference, Working Group 11: Data Security and Privacy Liability: member

### Education

Chicago-Kent College of Law, J.D., 1994.

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, B.S., 1985.