

Partner

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Profile

“I enjoy counseling inventors and businesses to help them grow and succeed. Because this involves working with very bright people at their best, it challenges my colleagues and me to always be at our best.”

John M. Naber strives to develop long-term relationships with clients as he works with them to help ensure the growth and success of their businesses. His clients come from a diverse range of business sectors, including automotive component manufacturing in the U.S. and internationally, as well as food and beverage products, foot care products, entertainment, fine arts, artificial intelligence, and computer software. John relies on a similarly diverse range of technical skills in counseling his clients, with emphasis in mechanical technology, the life sciences area (biotechnology and pharmaceuticals), chemical technology and related nanotechnology applications, and computer technologies and applications including machine learning and artificial intelligence.

The services John provides to his clients encompass both IP and business disciplines. He has handled IP due diligence matters in mergers and acquisitions, as well as in such transactions as licensing, development, confidentiality and supply agreements. He also is involved in managing extensive patent and trademark portfolios. On the prosecution side, John is extensively involved in patent and trademark preparation, and he regularly provides clients with product clearance and legal opinions.

John has held intellectual property leadership positions in the State Bar of Michigan and the Federal Bar Association for the Michigan Western District. He is a frequent author on IP-related topics, particularly in the life sciences area.

Education

J.D., Thomas M. Cooley Law School, 1992, *with distinction*

M.S., Human Genetics/Microbiology, University of Cincinnati, 1982

B.S., Biology, University of Cincinnati, 1982

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia

Michigan

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan

U.S. District Court, Western District of Michigan

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin

U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals

U.S. Supreme Court

Services

Advertising, Marketing + Promotions

Copyrights

Entertainment + Media

International IP Protection

IP Portfolio Management

Presentations + Publications

Presentations

- “Discovery and Development of Medical Devices,” University of Maryland, Baltimore, Md., November 7, 2016.
- “Identifying and Developing Intellectual Property,” American University, Washington, D.C., April 19, 2016.
- “Product Packaging and Labeling: An Overview of Current Legal Principles,” Fitch Even Webinar, with John E. Lyhus, October 29, 2014.
- “Intellectual Property Rights and Regulation for Biotechnology and Pharmaceuticals,” NanKang Biotech Center, Taipei, Taiwan, Dec. 12, 2004.
- “Forensic Application of Newborn Screening Card in Michigan Leads to Murder Conviction,” 10th National Neonatal Screening Symposium, Seattle, Wash., June 7-11, 1994.
- “Directions of a New Statewide Genetics Service Program in Delaware,” *Am J of Public Health*, 76.7: P-20, 1986. Presented at 114th Annual American Public Health Association Meeting, Las Vegas, Nev., Sep. 28-Oct. 2, 1986.

Publications

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- Konrad, M., Yubin, G., Naber, J., Scott, J., Matherly, L., Ravindranath, Y., and Taub, J., “High Frequency Leukemic Clones in Newborn Screening Blood Samples of Children with B-Precursor Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia,” *Blood*, vol. 99, no. 8, April 15, 2002: 2992-2996.
- King, J.L., Naber, J.M., Hopkin, R.J., Repaske, D., Bailey, L., and Leslie, N.D., “Antenatal Corticosteroids and Newborn Screening for Congenital Adrenal Hypertrophy,” *Arch Pediatr Adolesc Med.*, vol. 155, 2001: 1038-1042.
- Durham-Pierre, D., King, R. A., Naber, J. M., Laken, S., and Brilliant, M. H., “Estimation of Carrier Frequency of a 2.7kb Deletion Allele of the P Gene Associated With OCA2 in African-Americans,” *Human Mutation*, vol. 7, no. 4, 1996: 370-373.
- Hannigan, J. H., Martier, S. S., and Naber, J. M., “Independent Associations Among Maternal Alcohol Consumption and Infant Thyroxine Levels and Pregnancy Outcome,” *Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research*, vol. 19, 1995: 135-141.

IP Strategy Development

IP Transactions

Patent Preparation +
Prosecution

Product Clearance + Legal
Opinions

Trademark + Brand
Protection

Industries

Biotechnology +
Pharmaceuticals

Chemicals + Chemical
Engineering

Energy + Clean Technology

Food + Agricultural Sciences

Internet + E-Commerce

Mechanical Engineering +
Manufacturing

- Naber, J. M. and Johnson, D., “Mandatory HIV Testing Issues in State Newborn Screening Programs,” *J Law & Health*, vol. 7, no. 55, 1992-1993.
- Naber, J.M., Huether, C. A., and Goodwin, B.A., “Temporal Changes in Ohio Amniocentesis Utilization during the First Twelve Years (1972-1983), and Frequency of Chromosomal Abnormalities Observed,” *Prenatal Diagnosis*, vol. 7, no. 1, 1987: 51-65.

Memberships

- American Public Health Association
- American Society of Human Genetics
- Council of Regional Networks for Genetic Services
- Delaware Genetic Disease Advisory Committee
- Eaton County Bar Association
 - Past President
- Federal Bar Association, Michigan Eastern District
- Federal Bar Association, Michigan Western District
 - Past Co-Chair, Intellectual Property Section
- State Bar of Michigan