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OVERVIEW

Rachael's solid understanding of technology and business and close rapport with patent examiners secure the patents that clients need to meet their strategic objectives.

Companies ranging from the Fortune 500 to startups have benefited from Rachael's skills and counsel for more than two decades. Whether developing global patent portfolios for large, sophisticated businesses or helping smaller companies determine where patents fit within their business plan as they work toward growth or sale, she protects clients' intellectual property while maximizing their investments.

Patent law was a natural career choice for the electrical engineering and computer science undergraduate, who enjoyed delving into new technologies and never could settle on a single area to focus on as an engineer. With a passion for science, an MBA, and her technical background, she is uniquely equipped to successfully guide clients along their patent journey.

Rachael has served as the lead patent counsel for many companies, overseeing the preparation and prosecution of substantial patent portfolios. While Rachael has experience in patent litigation, she now focuses her practice on patent prosecution. In this role, Rachael has deep experience in preparing and prosecuting U.S. and international patent applications in a variety of technologies. In addition to preparing and prosecuting both design and utility patent applications, she assists with contract and license negotiations, and manages and counsels clients, including acting as primary IP counsel.

Industries

Manufacturing Technology Transportation

Services

Intellectual Property Counseling Patent Preparation & Prosecution Technology Commercialization

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Rachael particularly loves working on anything with a circuit diagram and was drawn to the hardware-oriented inventions and patents of Husch Blackwell's clients when she joined the firm in 2023. She serves clients in numerous electronic and computer technologies, including electronic circuitry, computer memory devices and systems, machine learning, Internet of Things (IoT), information storage media, liquid crystal display (LCD) and organic light-emitting diode (OLED) panels, semiconductor devices and fabrication methods, imagers, lasers, radio frequency identification (RFID), mobile communication systems, business methods, and other software-related inventions.

Clients value her effectiveness and efficiency, as her efforts have resulted in hundreds of patents granted. They also appreciate her ability to distill complex, technical details into digestible language for drafting patent specifications and claims, and for successfully interacting with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

Experience

- Managed U.S. and foreign-origin patent prosecution portfolios.
- Drafted and filed new U.S. and Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) patent applications.
- Revised more than 150 foreign patent applications for U.S. practice.
- Responded to more than 2,000 USPTO actions and foreign patent office actions.

Education

- J.D., Suffolk University Law School
 - cum laude
 - Intellectual Property Concentration with Distinction
 - o Dean's List
 - Evidence Jurisprudence Award
- B.S., Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 - o Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
 - Music (minor)

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Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Maryland
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Maryland

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