

## BENJAMIN SNITKOFF

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### BAR ADMISSION

Massachusetts, 2009. District of Massachusetts, 2012. First and Federal Circuit Courts of Appeals, 2012, and 2013. United States Patent and Trademark Office (Registration No. 73098), 2014.

### LEGAL EXPERIENCE

**Modern Renaissance Legal**, Boston, MA

#### **Sole Proprietor**

Summer 2014 - Present

- Represented clients on a variety of transactional matters, including contract drafting and due diligence.
- Drafted and negotiated licenses for audio recordings.
- Advised client on COPPA compliance for an educational website directed to interactive training of students.
- Drafted website Terms of Service and privacy policy for a local non-profit.
- Implemented contractual and information management procedures to protect trade secrets.
- Analyzed patent portfolio and previous assertion campaign for revenue generation potential.
- Drafted and prosecuted trademark applications.
- Drafted and filed patent applications.
- Registered copyrights, and advised clients on copyright strategy.
- Advised clients on IP portfolio development and protection.
- Advised clients on issues of state law relating to art sales, consignment, and commissioned work.
- Represented artist in a lawsuit against a local gallery relating to mishandling of art.

**Axiom Law**, Boston, MA

#### **Attorney**

Spring 2016 - Present

- Led IP advice and planning for a division of a large medical device company with \$1.2 billion in annual revenue.
- Drafted and negotiated non-disclosure agreements.
- Managed large international portfolio of trademark and patent applications.
- Negotiated and drafted intellectual property terms in major commercial contracts.
- Conducted freedom to operate searches, and coordinated opinions with outside counsel.
- Advised business on strategy for product development and intellectual property protection.

**Pepper Hamilton LLP**, Boston, MA

#### **Intellectual Property Associate**

Fall 2011 - Spring 2014

- Drafted complaints, discovery, motions, and dispositive motions.
- Managed multiple Federal Circuit appeals with a senior associate, including assembly of appendix and compliance with all relevant rules.
- Drafted substantial portions of multiple Federal Circuit briefs.
- Managed document collections with client, and associated issues.
- Took and second-chaired depositions.
- Identified and worked with technical specialists and experts for pre-suit diligence and expert reports.
- Developed and implemented IP policy for local non-profit.
- Drafted IP licenses and assignments.
- Identified patents for assertion, identified targets who practiced patents, and drafted claim charts for pre-suit diligence.
- Performed due diligence and drafting relating to patents, copyrights, and trademarks in large commercial transactions.

### POST-GRADUATE CLERKSHIPS

**Massachusetts Appeals Court**, Boston, MA

#### **Law Clerk for the Clerk of the Court**

Fall 2010 - Summer 2011

- Researched and drafted legal memoranda on single justice petitions, court policy, and jurisdiction.
- Assisted attorneys and pro se litigants in complying with the rules of the court.
- Advised and aided the Court in its transition to electronic filing of certain papers and online payment of court fees.

**Law Clerk for the Hon. Janis Berry**

Fall 2009 - Summer 2010

## **EDUCATION**

**Northeastern University School of Law**, Boston, MA

May 2009

J.D.

- Law Journal: Publication Editor, 2008-2009, Member, 2007-2008.
- Coursework: First Amendment, Trademarks, Patents, and Software and Internet Law.
- Activities: ACLU, Treasurer; American Constitution Society, Vice President.

**University of Rochester**, Rochester, NY

May 2006

B.S., Biology: Molecular Genetics, with coursework and a teaching assistant position in Computer Science.

## **LEGAL BLOGGING AND PODCASTING**

**ModernRenaissanceLegal.com**

Summer 2014 - Present

- Authored over 100 posts on copyright, patent, trademark, trade secret, and art law.

**TechnicallyLegal.org**

Spring 2009 - Summer 2011

**Co-founder, Blogger**

- Authored over 200 posts on copyright, patent, trademark, contract, and internet law, as co-founder, writer, and podcaster.
- Analyzed current events in context of the DMCA, CFAA, CAN-SPAM Act, SCA, and Section 230 of the CDA.

**Postgrant-Counsel.com**

Summer 2013 - Spring 2014

- Authored posts on *inter partes* review, federal district court litigation, and PTAB procedures.

**INTERESTS:** Cooking from scratch, guitar, performing improvisational comedy, photography.

References available upon request.