

## Enrique “Rick” Sanchez, Jr.

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### Background

Rick represents his clients in nearly every aspect of intellectual property law, including prosecution, litigation, licensing, and post-grant procedures.

#### Prosecution

Rick leverages his electrical engineering degree, his background in cryptology, and his litigation expertise to prepare and prosecute patent applications in a wide range of technology fields, including: cryptocurrency, blockchain, semiconductor, augmented reality, VTOL, aircraft, rotorcraft, and control systems, among others. He also counsels his clients regarding their international intellectual property portfolios, and serves as “outside” in-house IP counsel for a corporation. His clients also rely on him to draft Freedom-to-Operate opinion letters, as well as conduct and analyze patentability and knock-out searches. Rick also prepares and prosecutes trademark applications before the USPTO. His practice also includes filing copyright registration applications and responding to copyright registration refusals from the U.S. Copyright Office.

#### Litigation

Bolstered by his prosecution expertise, Rick also represents both plaintiffs and defendants in the litigation of patents and trademarks in Federal Court. While in-house, he managed concurrent international patent litigation in several countries, including Germany, China, France, and Italy.

#### Licensing

Rick drafts and negotiates licenses and other agreements, such as patent license agreements, trademark license agreements, acquisition agreements, non-disclosure agreements, joint-development agreements, and common-interest agreements. He also represents clients in the entertainment industry, by drafting copyright assignment agreements and copyright license agreements, among others.

#### Post-Grant Procedures

Rick represents clients before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) in *Inter Partes* Review, Reexamination, and Appeal proceedings. He also represents clients before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (TTAB) in Cancellation and Opposition proceedings.

#### Technical Background

As an electrical engineer, Rick designed and commercialized signal processing and communication systems at companies such as Raytheon and SAIC. He has served in the U.S. Navy Reserve as a cryptologic officer, after having been selected for Direct Commission as an enlisted cryptologic petty officer – prior to which he was enlisted

Army.

## Awards & Recognitions

Recognized as a Top Attorney in Fort Worth Texas Magazine in the area of Intellectual Property 2017 and 2018

IAM Strategy 300 – The World's Leading IP Strategists, 2015 and 2016

Outstanding Leadership Contribution, American Bar Association – Section of Intellectual Property Law

Raytheon Achievement Award

Klipsch Electrical and Computer Engineering Scholarship

## Areas of Practice

Intellectual Property

-Litigation

-Patents

-Trademarks

-Copyrights

## Associations & Memberships

Tarrant County Bar Foundation, Fellow

Leadership ISD, Fellow, 2017-2018

Eldon G. Mahon American Inn of Court, Barrister, 2017-2019

Tarrant County Bar Association, IP Section, Vice-Chair, 2012-2013, Treasurer, 2011-2012

The Honorable Barbara M. G. Lynn American Inn of Court, Associate, 2013-2015, Pupil, 2012

The Order of Barristers

Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity

Kappa Sigma Fraternity

## Education

Juris Doctor, Texas Wesleyan University School of Law

Bachelor of Science, Electrical Engineering, Minor in Mathematics, New Mexico State University

## Bar/Court Admissions

Texas Bar

Registered Patent Attorney, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas

United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas