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OVERVIEW

Don Hageman is an Associate in the GRSM St. Louis office. Don primarily assists the IP and Construction practice groups on a variety of matters.

Don assists in offering strategic guidance to developers, contractors, architects, and other stakeholders involved in construction projects of varying scales. From contract negotiation and drafting to dispute resolution, Don ensures that clients are equipped with the legal framework necessary to mitigate risks and achieve their project objectives efficiently. Additionally, Don has helped navigate zoning regulations and land use issues for clients involving the sale of a quarry to a large construction company.

On the IP side, Don has worked with international and national clients in industries from large

international insurance companies to foreign car manufacturers, to help protect their valuable intellectual property assets. Don handles IP portfolio management, IP asset purchase agreements, licensing agreements, patent and trademark infringement matters, patent prosecution, TTAB and PTAB proceedings, DMCA takedowns, UDRP proceedings, and IP due diligence for mergers & acquisitions.

Don attended Saint Louis University School of Law as a Dean's Select Scholar, earning his Juris Doctorate. While in law school Don was the co-president of the school's Student IP Association. Additionally, he was on SLU Law's patent drafting team, who placed third out of twenty teams in the regional round at the USPTO 2023 National Patent Application Drafting Competition. Before law school Don attended Saint Louis University, as an Ignatian Scholar, where he earned his degree in Biochemistry, with extended coursework in Mathematics and French.

In between his summers at a recognized Midwest firm, Don worked at a large international law firm that is considered the largest law firm in the world, where he performed IP portfolio due diligence to help close an M&A deal totaling US \$107M. Don has assisted in closing US \$500M in M&A deals, ranging from the sale of a famous VoIP to an international cyber security company.

Based on his background in intellectual property, mergers & acquisitions, construction, and biochemistry, Don can assist clients on a larger scale making sure that their company or brand is protected at whatever phase they are in.

In his spare time, Don enjoys hanging out with family and friends, playing/watching hockey, cycling, golfing, going to the gym, and catching up on any new anime/manga.

PUBLICATIONS

- Navigating the intersection of Fintech and intellectual property law: Safeguarding innovation in the Digital Financial Era, *Missouri In-House Counsel Magazine* (March 28, 2024)
- The creativity wars: Understanding the strengths, limitations and legal ramifications of AI-generated artwork, *Kansas City Business Journal* (February 05, 2024)
- Are Artificial Exhaust Sounds the Next Beethoven? *Missouri In-House Counsel Magazine* (September 28, 2023)
- Co-author, Maintain the Health of, and Grow and Strengthen your Business with an IP Audit, *Missouri In-House Counsel Magazine* (June 30, 2022)

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- Missouri

- United States District Court, Eastern District of Missouri

Community Involvement

- Saint Louis Zoo Young Professionals, Board Member

Education

- J.D., Saint Louis University School of Law
 - Dean's Select Scholar
 - Academic Excellence Award for Highest Grade in Class: *Comparative Juvenile Law*
 - USPTO 2023 National Patent Application Drafting Competition, *Placing 3rd out of 20 teams in Regional Round*
 - Phi Delta Phi Legal Honors Society, *Member*
 - Intellectual Property Law Concentration
 - Student Intellectual Property Law Association, *Co-president*
- B.A., Biochemistry with extended coursework in Mathematics and French, Saint Louis University
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