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Overview

Richard (Rick) L. Treanor, Ph.D., is a founding partner of Element IP. Rick has more than three decades of experience in intellectual property in both the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and private practice. Rick focuses his efforts on the creation, maintenance, and defense of IP rights in proceedings that take place inside the USPTO: patent prosecution, patent appeals, inter partes review, post-grant review, derivation proceedings, covered business method review, re-examination, interference, third party submissions, revival, foreign filing licenses, supplemental examination, etc.

Rick successfully prosecuted thousands of patents during his three-decade tenure at Oblon, McClelland, Maier & Neustadt, LLP, including a decade as Head of the Chemical Section at Oblon. Prior to that, he practiced as an Examiner in the Special Laws Administration Division of the USPTO. Rick possesses a unique perspective on the realities of client needs, including budgets. He pragmatically advises clients on how to best meet those needs, given the perpetually dynamic nature of the USPTO's policies and procedures. This experience, in combination with Rick's technical background, provides clients with an effective, team-oriented advocate who both understands their technology and how to best utilize the resources at hand.

Rick's enthusiasm to leverage his wealth of IP experience in a modern and cost-effective manner led to his and his co-founders' establishment of Element IP. The implementation of this vision allows him to put the focus where it should be – on the work itself.

Credentials

Education

- J.D., Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law
- Post-Doctoral Study: National Academy of Sciences/National Research Council Fellowship; U.S. Naval Research Laboratory



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- Ph.D., Georgetown University, Chemistry, with distinction
- B.S., Fairfield University, Chemistry, cum laude

Bar Admissions

- Virginia
- Registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of Virginia
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit