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Nicholas utilizes his experience to advise clients on obtaining domestic and international patent protection. Drawing from his technical background, Nicholas tailors his counsel according to the specific needs and business objectives of every client.

OVERVIEW

Nicholas's practice includes the prosecution of utility and design patents as well as strategic patent portfolio development and management. He has experience advising a variety of clients, including multinational corporations, international research institutes, startups, and independent inventors. Nicholas also provides clients with the counsel they need on a variety of matters, including freedom-to-operate, infringement diligence, and patentability.

Nicholas has experience prosecuting patents in a broad array of technological fields, including financial systems, computer software, consumer goods and household appliances, material science, pulp and paper, oil and gas, chemistry and chemical processes, polymers, membranes, biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, and small molecules.

Before joining the firm, Nicholas worked as a research engineer studying polymer-based membranes at the Georgia Institute of Technology in the School of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering. He also has experience working as a patent agent at a multinational specialty chemical company where he gained invaluable experience working with advanced polymer materials and composites. Nicholas has a bachelor's degree in chemical and biomolecular engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Managing a global patent portfolio of specialty polymers and high-performance composites.
- Assisting a top technology university in the procurement of patents in a variety of countries across a variety of technology areas including chemistry and chemical processing, material science, computer encryption, and biomedical devices.
- Advising a global, diversified manufacturing and technology company on strategic patent portfolio management.
- Assisting a multinational financial services provider in growing its domestic and international patent portfolio.
- Assisting a multinational oil and gas corporation in obtaining domestic and international patent protection for its intellectual property assets.

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- Successfully prosecuted and obtained patents for software-related inventions under the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Alice Corp. v. CLS Bank International*.

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Intellectual Property

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Atlanta Youth Wind Symphony: Alumnus and Special Projects Manager (2012–2018)
- Georgia Tech Sailing Club: Sailing Instructor (2017–2019)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Patent agent, Solvay Specialty Polymers, 2023-2024
- Research engineer, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2017-2018

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- Georgia State University College of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2025
- Georgia Institute of Technology, B.S., *with high honors*, 2018, chemical and biomolecular engineering

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Georgia
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "Blurring Lines in Video Game IP Protections: Copyrights, Trademarks, and/or Patents for Gameplay Mechanics?" *Troutman Pepper Locke*, October 22, 2026.