



Nathaniel Lipkus

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Bar Admission: Ontario, 2007 | New York, 2008

Areas of Expertise

Defence, Security and Aerospace

Agtech

Technology

Agribusiness

Pharmaceuticals and Life Sciences

Artificial Intelligence

International Trade

Corporate and Commercial Disputes

Intellectual Property

Intellectual Property Disputes

Emerging and High Growth

Companies

Nathaniel is an intellectual property litigator and strategist, with an emphasis on patent, commercial IP and life sciences regulatory issues. He is also a registered Canadian patent and trademark agent.

Nathaniel has represented numerous companies in a wide variety of industries in patent proceedings across Canada and *pro hac vice* in the United States. He has successfully argued leading cases on patent eligibility in the life sciences and software fields. He has also litigated trademark, copyright, trade secret and other commercial matters. Nathaniel was lead counsel for the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario in Canada's only patent litigation involving claims to human genes, representing the hospital *pro bono*.

Nathaniel has also advocated on behalf of life sciences clients before numerous regulatory agencies in Canada and the United States on intellectual property, regulatory approval, pricing and reimbursement, and antitrust matters. This advocacy involves managing IP issues, removing barriers to health product approval, and law reform efforts.

In addition to his role as advocate, a significant part of Nathaniel's practice is assisting emerging and high-growth companies with business-critical intellectual property issues, including IP in large acquisitions, strategic IP licensing, IP risk management, and IP structuring in ongoing operations. This work enables Nathaniel to engage with a high throughput of clients and IP issues at the cutting edge in a variety of technological fields.

Nathaniel also has a depth of experience advising on international trade-related intellectual property matters, having served as Chair of the Intellectual Property Institute of Canada's IP Trade Policy Committee during Canada's negotiation of the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement and Trans-Pacific Partnership.

Awards and Recognition

- **Chambers Canada: Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business:** Recognized in Intellectual Property: Litigation
- **Chambers Global: The World's Leading Business Lawyers:** Recognized in Intellectual Property: Litigation
- **The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory:** Recognized in Intellectual Property; Litigation – Intellectual Property; Life Sciences & Health
- **Lexpert's Leading 500 Cross-Border Lawyers: A Guide to Doing Business in Canada:** Recognized in Intellectual Property
- **Best Lawyers in Canada:** Recognized in Intellectual Property Law
- **Legal 500:** Recognized in Intellectual Property
- **Who's Who Legal:** Recognized in Life Sciences, Patent Litigation (International); Life Sciences (Canada); Patents
- **Intellectual Asset Magazine (IAM) Patent 1000: World's Leading Patent Professionals:** Recognized in Litigation as one of the world's leading patent litigators
- **Thomson Reuters:** "Stand-out Lawyer"
- **IP Stars:** Recognized as a "Patent Star"
- **LMG Life Sciences:** Leading Lawyer (Intellectual Property)
- **World Intellectual Property Review (WIPR):** Global Leader (2023)
- **Lexpert Special Edition:** Recognized in Technology; Recognized in Litigation

Community Involvement

- Counsel to Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario in Long QT human gene patent litigation
- Provided assistance to Incentives for Global Health in respect of Health Impact Fund
- Regular volunteer at Law Help Ontario at Ontario Superior Court of Justice, 2012–2014
- Represented clients within Pro Bono Law Ontario Appeals Assistance Project

Credentials

Education

- University of Toronto, J.D./M.B.A. (Gold Medalist)
- University of Toronto, B.Com. (Economics)

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Languages

- English

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Professional Affiliations

- Intellectual Property Institute of Canada – Treasurer (2022-2023); President (2024-2025 term)
- The Advocates’ Society
- Canadian Bar Association
- American Bar Association