

# Kevin Kercher

Partner at Thompson Coburn LLP.

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## Summary

Kevin's practice encompasses all areas of intellectual property law, including patents, trademarks, copyrights, unfair competition, trade secrets and related areas. His technical experience includes preparing and prosecuting a wide range of patent applications, including for complex business processes, computer software and hardware, internet-related applications, and complex electronic, electromechanical, mechanical and chemical arts applications. He has extensive experience in matters before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, including oral arguments on appeal and interviews with patent examiners. In addition, he has negotiated and prepared a wide variety of technical documentation and technology licensing agreements and joint development agreements. Through his intellectual property work, he has traveled extensively in the United States and worldwide, including to China, Germany, England, Japan, Scotland, Denmark and Malaysia. Kevin is included in the 2005 Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers® list.

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## Experience

### **Partner at Thompson Coburn LLP.**

June 2005 - Present (10 years 7 months)

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### **Partner at Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin LLP**

November 2001 - June 2005 (3 years 8 months)

### **Associate at Husch Blackwell**

June 2000 - November 2001 (1 year 6 months)

### **Intellectual Property Counsel at Caterpillar Inc.**

January 1998 - June 2000 (2 years 6 months)

**Attorney at Milliken & Company**

May 1990 - June 1998 (8 years 2 months)

**Associate at Cohn, Powell & Hind**

May 1987 - May 1990 (3 years 1 month)

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**Skills & Expertise**

**Patents**

**Intellectual Property**

**Trademarks**

**Patentability**

**Trade Secrets**

**Unfair Competition**

**Patent Applications**

**Appeals**

**Joint Ventures**

**Patent Litigation**

**Licensing**

**Trademark Infringement**

**Patent Prosecution**

**Registered Patent Attorney**

**Client Counseling**

**Litigation**

**Copyright Law**

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**Education**

**University of North Carolina at Charlotte**

B.S., Electrical Engineering, Electrical and Electronics Engineering, 1997 - 1997

**University of South Carolina Upstate**

Chemistry, 1992 - 1993

**University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law**

J.D., Law, 1984 - 1987

**University of Missouri-Columbia**

Bachelor of Science (BS), Industrial Engineering, 1980 - 1981

Grade: Cum Laude with Special Honors

Activities and Societies: Tau Beta Pi and Alpha Pi Mu

**University of Missouri-Rolla**

Electrical and Electronics Engineering, 1976 - 1980

Activities and Societies: Eta Kappa Nu

**Lafayette High School**

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Honors and Awards

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