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Rick Gregory is a member of Baker Donelson's Intellectual Property Group and is located in the Firm's Houston office.

Mr. Gregory has focused his practice on intellectual property, providing counsel to high technology and emerging growth companies in Silicon Valley in all aspects of intellectual property portfolio strategy, development, analysis, and management for nearly three decades.

He has served as counsel on a range of matters, including patent portfolio strategy development, management, and enforcement strategy; in-house IP counsel; post-grant patent proceedings; and patent and trademark preparation and prosecution. He has experience preparing non-infringement, invalidity, design-around, and freedom-to-operate analyses and opinions and evaluating claims of patent infringement both offensively and defensively.

His practice also includes performing due diligence and preparing opinions supporting initial public offerings, mergers, acquisitions, alliances, financing, and joint ventures; negotiating and drafting licenses, joint development agreements, and settlement agreements; and participating in litigation proceedings.

Mr. Gregory's vast experience as a research and development engineer provides him with the experience necessary to handle complex subject matter, particularly in the electrical arts. The areas in which he has significant experience include semiconductor engineering and manufacturing, advanced communication systems (terrestrial- and satellite-based), navigation systems (terrestrial- and satellite-based), laser-based systems, electromotive force (EMF), advanced power electronics (turbine power generation/distribution systems (aircraft- and ship-based); megawatt electric generator for manned and unmanned aerial platforms; high power electronic warfare and directed energy systems), and medical imaging systems.

An extensive background in military and civilian aviation as both an engineer and a pilot has enabled Mr. Gregory to counsel clients on a range of matters across numerous sectors of the aviation industry.

Education

- University of Florida, J.D., 1996, honors
- University of Florida, Master of Science: Electrical Engineering, 1994
- University of Southern California, Master of Science: Systems Management, 1987
- University of Missouri, Bachelor of Science: Electrical Engineering, 1985
- Florida State University, Bachelor of Science: Chemistry/Biology, 1981

Admissions

- Texas
- California
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 1998
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California