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PRACTICES Intellectual Property, Patents, Patent Prosecution and Counseling, Patent Office Trials, Precision Medicine and Digital Health, Medical Device and Technology

Julie Nickols concentrates her practice in the area of intellectual property law, including the preparation, prosecution, and enforcement of domestic and international patent portfolios. Her practice also includes post-issuance proceedings at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Julie's intellectual property law experience includes representing clients in patent reexaminations and *inter partes* reviews, including appeals to the Patent Trial and Appeal Board; counseling regarding new product clearance and patent infringement issues, including patent validity and the design and implementation of non-infringing alternatives to patented technology; conducting patent portfolio acquisition due diligence, including freedom to practice analyses and patented technology landscaping; and preparing and prosecuting domestic and international patent applications directed toward medical device technology, robotics, software, nanotechnology, imaging systems, semiconductor technology, and telecommunications.

Julie's prior work experience includes engineering and management roles in several General Electric industrial businesses including GE Plastics, GE Transportation Systems, and GE Appliances; conducting financial, process, and legal compliance audits for GE's Corporate Audit Staff; and managing acquisition integrations for GE Medical Systems.

QUALIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- J.D., Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, *cum laude*; SMU Law Review
- B.S., General Engineering, University of Illinois

ADMISSIONS

- Texas
 - U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "An Entrepreneur's Handbook to Intellectual Property," University of Texas at Dallas Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, 2006-2015.
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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ENGAGEMENTS

- State Bar of Texas
 - The Institute for Innovation & Entrepreneurship at UT Dallas, Advisory Board Member
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SELECTED CLIENT REPRESENTATIONS

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AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- Selected for inclusion in *Texas Super Lawyers* - Rising Stars Edition, Thomson Reuters, 2010
- Recognized in Patexia Inc.'s Patent Prosecution Intelligence Report, 2025.