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Focus

- Intellectual Property and Technology
- Patents
- Trademarks
- Trade Secret, Noncompete and Unfair Competition
- Copyrights

Providing comprehensive protection for clients' valuable assets, including trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets, and related contracts and licensing agreements. Strategically focused on innovation and progress while ensuring clients' IP remains secure in a competitive market.

As an intellectual property law attorney, Sean Combs delivers strategic counsel and comprehensive legal services to innovators and businesses across a wide range of industries. He has significant experience preparing and prosecuting patent applications before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), particularly for inventions involving mechanical, medical devices, energy, software, financial, and environmental technologies. His technical knowledge spans complex systems such as mining and drilling equipment, oil and gas technologies, pumps and pumping systems, robotics, drones, generators, engines, battery and solar technologies, wind and fluid energy systems, and water and wastewater treatment processes.

Sean's practice includes the full spectrum of patent law services—from drafting and prosecuting patent applications to preparing patentability and infringement opinions. He is equally adept at advising on trademark and copyright matters, licensing agreements, and trade secret protection. With a strong background in claim scope analysis and IP enforcement, Sean works closely with clients to develop tailored strategies for protecting, commercializing, and maximizing the value of their intellectual property portfolios. Sean has also helped small and medium-sized clients leverage their IP for funding and acquisition purposes and regularly performs IP due diligence work.

In addition to his legal practice, Sean is actively engaged in the IP community. He is the former chair of The Florida Bar Business Law Section IP Committee and former chair of the committee's annual IP Symposium. Sean is also an observer of the Trade Secret Study Committee for the Uniform Law Commission's update of the Uniform Trade Secrets Act, which has been adopted in some form by 49 of 50 U.S. states. He also contributes to the Patent Pro Bono FL initiative through the Arts and Business Council of Miami, helping inventors and small businesses navigate the patent process. Sean also mentors aspiring attorneys by facilitating career exploration meetings between University of Florida law

students and IP practitioners.

Insights

- "Global Patent Filings," UF Innovate Lunch and Learn, April 1, 2026
- Patents Panel, FLIPA Intellectual Property Week, Florida Intellectual Property Alliance, November 13, 2025
- "Intellectual Property for the Non-IP Practitioner – Part II – Copyrights and Trademarks," Moderator, The Florida Bar Business Law Section, April 23, 2025
- "Latest Issues in Patent Preparation and Prosecution," Moderator, The Florida Bar's 15th Annual Intellectual Property Symposium, April 11, 2025
- "Exploring the Features and Functionality of the New Trademark Search System," The Florida Bar Business Law Section IP Committee, CLF Presentation, January 18, 2024.
- "Beyond the Code – Best Practices for Software Protection and Licensing," Association of Corporate Counsel Georgia, December 12, 2023
- "101: Question of Law or Fact," IP Symposium featuring retired Chief Judge of the Federal Circuit Paul Michel and former USPTO Director David Kappos, April 29, 2022
- Florida IP Alliance, UF Student Chapter, Fall 2023 and 2024 Guest Speaker

Media

- "GrayRobinson welcomes patent attorney Sean E. Combs with vibrant background in IP law and complex technologies," Alachua Chronicle, April 28, 2025
- "How AI is – and isn't – changing the patent landscape," Duke OTC News, Duke University Office for Translation and Commercialization, Winter 2024

Affiliations

- The Florida Bar
    - Business Law Section IP Committee
        - Chair, 2026
        - Vice Chair, 2025
        - Second Vice Chair, 2024
        - Symposium Committee, Chair, 2023
- Uniform Law Commission
    - Observer of the Trade Secret Study Committee's update of the Uniform Trade Secret Act
- Arts & Business Council of Miami
    - Patent Pro Bono Florida

Credentials

- J.D., University of Florida College of Law, 2017
    - Certificate in Intellectual Property
- B.S., West Virginia University, civil engineering, 2011
- B.S., West Virginia University, mining engineering, 2011

Admissions

- Florida
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office