

WILLIAM S. BRITT

Mr. Britt, of counsel, has been in private practice since 1969 and has extensive experience in obtaining, enforcing, and licensing intellectual property, including patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets. Prior to founding TraskBritt, he was a patent attorney for PPG Industries and an adjunct and associate professor of law at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. His technological areas of expertise include the fields of high technology materials, inorganic and organic chemicals, chemical processing, agricultural chemicals and equipment, medical equipment, and engineered structures. He has served as an expert witness in trade secret, trademark, and patent litigation and as an arbitrator in commercial disputes, and also has experience in intellectual property antitrust matters.

Mr. Britt has received Martindale Hubbell's AV rating, the publication's highest rating, and has been listed in "The Best Lawyers in America" for ten consecutive years. He is also a member of the Academy of Chemical Engineers, West Virginia University.

Technology Areas

Chemical & Chemical Process
Life Science
Mechanical & Aerospace
Medical Devices
Optical Technology

Areas of Practice

Patent Prosecution
Complex Litigation
Business Counseling & Strategic Planning
Design Patents
International
Transactional & Licensing
Trademarks
Copyrights
Dispute Resolution

Technical Expertise

Extensive technical and patent prosecution experience in the fields of high-technology materials such as ceramics, glass, organic polymers, laminated and foamed organic materials as well as inorganic and organic chemicals, chemical processes, agricultural chemicals and equipment, medical products and engineered devices and structures

Prior Professional Experience

Development Engineer, PPG Industries (3 years), supervising chemical pilot plant operations and designing commercial chemical plants

Nuclear weapons officer, U.S. Navy, 1956-1959

Chemical Engineer, Patent Agent, and Patent Attorney, PPG Industries, 1954-56 and 1959-69

Adjunct Professor of Law, Duquesne University, 1966-1969, teaching commercial law and intellectual property

Associate Professor of Law, Duquesne University, 1965-1966, teaching commercial law and intellectual property

Education

West Virginia University, B.S. in Chemical Engineering, with honors, 1954

Duquesne University, L.L.B. 1964, Law Review, 1963 and 1964

Bar Admissions

U.S. Patent & Trademark Office, 1963

Pennsylvania Bar, 1965

Utah Bar, 1969

Court Admissions

Utah and U.S. District Court, District of Utah, 1969

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, 1989

Community & Professional Organizations

Association for Retarded Citizens, Allegheny Chapter, Pennsylvania, Board Member and Legal Counsel, 1963-1968

United Cerebral Palsy Association, Salt Lake City, Utah, Board Member, 1975-1982

Legal Services for the Handicapped, Salt Lake City, Utah, Board Member, 1980-1986

Camp Kostopulos, Camp for Handicapped Persons, Salt Lake City, Utah, Board Member, 1989-94

Joined Firm

Founder, TraskBritt 1973