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Mr. Hornsby focuses his practice on several aspects of patent matters, including patent application preparation and prosecution, client counseling, opinions, and general intellectual property advice. Mr. Hornsby is experienced in a wide range of technologies including electrical devices, mechanical devices, computer hardware and software, telecommunications systems, computer networks, power systems, cable television systems, speech recognition systems, digital video compression systems, and medical devices. Mr. Hornsby is also a former patent examiner with the United States Patent and Trademark Office where he examined patent applications in the field of data communications, including radio-frequency identification technology and remote control systems. Prior to attending law school, Mr. Hornsby worked as a telecommunications engineer with Sprint Corporation where he worked with call processing and transport systems utilized in Sprint's long-distance telecommunications network.

Education

Georgia Institute of Technology
B.E.E., Electrical Engineering, 1992

Georgia State University
J.D., 1997

Bar Admissions

Georgia State Bar, 1997
United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, 1998
United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, 1998
United States Patent and Trademark Office, 2000

Professional Affiliations

State Bar of Georgia
Intellectual Property LawSection

Atlanta

Denver

Knoxville

Madison

Minneapolis

New York

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American Intellectual Property Law Association
Target-Subcommittee Liaison
Diversity in IP Law Committee
Electronic and Computer Law Committee

I.E.E.E.

Gate City Bar Association

National Society of Black Engineers

Georgia State University Intellectual Property Advisory Board
Co-chair of the Mentoring Committee

Speaking Engagements

Panelist - Patent Litigation/Prosecution Panel Luncheon sponsored by the Georgia State University College of Law Intellectual Property Law Society, February 23, 2011

Panelist - National Society of Black Engineers 37th Annual Convention - NSBEPreneur™ Entrepreneurship: Executing Your Passion & Finding Success Outside of Traditional Engineering, March 25, 2011

Intellectual Property Law, Gate City Bar Association, 3rd Annual Paralegal Skills Seminar (October 10, 2009)

Atlanta

Publications

Co-author of *PTO, Foreign Agencies Fast-Track Green Technology*
National Law Journal - January 2010

Denver

Quoted

"Wyeth Decision Leads to Patent Term Recalculations" Inside Counsel magazine (April 2010 edition)

Knoxville

"SCENARIOS-What lies ahead in Nokia vs Apple legal battle", Reuters (January 18, 2010)

"SCENARIOS-Ways ahead in Nokia vs Apple legal battle", Reuters (November 6, 2009)

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