

# Alan H. Norman

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## THOMPSON COBURN LLP

Alan Norman is Co-Chair of the Firm's Intellectual Property Practice Group.

Mr. Norman's practice encompasses all aspects of intellectual property litigation, with a strong emphasis on patent litigation at both the trial and appellate court levels, and strategic planning of patent infringement suits. Although in recent years his practice has concentrated in patent litigation, Mr. Norman possesses a wealth of experience in patent application preparation and prosecution, covering a wide variety of mechanical/electro-mechanical technologies, Internet-related patents and business method patents. He has acquired a reputation for developing creative patent application tactics to enhance the business opportunities of clients. Mr. Norman's practice also includes the preparation of validity and infringement/right-to-use opinions and the preparation of license agreements.

### Education

- **University of Florida**  
J.D. (1985)
- **University of Central Florida**  
B.S., Mechanical Engineering, *cum laude* (1982)  
Member of Tau Beta Pi and Pi Tau Sigma Engineering

### Professional Affiliations

- **Florida and Missouri Bar Member**
- **Member of the American Intellectual Property Law Association**
- **Member of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis**  
Past Chair - Patent, Trademark, Copyright Section

### Publications

- Co-Author, "A Competent Exculpatory Opinion of Counsel: A Silver Bullet to the Heart of a Willful Infringement Charge" *St. Louis Bar Journal* (Fall 2000)
- Author, "You Can't Patent That! Can You?" *Saint Louis Lawyer* (May 5, 2004)



### Licensure

- Florida (1985)
- Missouri (1988)
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (1986)

### Courts

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal District (1992)
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit (2001)

### Primary Practice Areas

- Patent Law
- Trademark Law