



Jim Burger

Partner

Washington D.C.
202 585 6909 direct
202 585 6969 fax
jburger@thompsoncoburn.com

PRACTICES

- Lobbying & Policy
- Intellectual Property
- Copyright

EDUCATION

- New York University School of Law, J.D., cum laude, 1971, Editor, New York University Law School Review, Order of the Coif
- New York University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, M.A., 1968
- New York University, B.A., with honors, 1967

AFFILIATIONS

- ABA Copyright Litigation - Legislation Subcommittee, Chair, 2018-present
- Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers (SMPTE), Member, Board of Governors
- House STEM Education Caucus Steering Committee, Member
- Federal Communications Bar Association, Co-Chair, Intellectual Property Committee
- United States Trade Representative & Department of Commerce, Member, Industrial Function Advisory Committee on Intellectual Property Rights For Trade Policy Matters, 1990-1997
- Alliance for the Promotion of Software Innovation, Chairman, 1993-1996
- Information Technology Industry Council, Chair, Proprietary Rights Committee, 1990-1996

For more than 30 years, Jim has provided intellectual property counseling, communications, and government relations support to the information technology industry.

He has worked extensively on legal and policy issues arising from the intersection of digital technology, intellectual property protection, communications, and government regulation. Jim has represented the Computer Industry Group and other information technology entities in efforts to secure copy protection rules for DVDs, Blu-ray discs, and digital music downloads. He has also represented technology clients before the Administration, Congress, and the FCC regarding the Digital TV Transition, the Broadcast Flag, domestic copyright legislation, and international agreements affecting U.S. intellectual property law.

Jim has worked with clients on amending the Copyright Act as well as leading information technology industry negotiations to exclude the computer industry from the Audio Home Recording Act, to avoid passage of the Digital Video Recording Act, to limit the reach of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, and to prevent passage of analog hole legislation. In addition, he has worked with the semiconductor industry in its successful efforts to pass legislation to intercept dangerous counterfeit semiconductors at the border. Jim stays up to date on the ever-changing technology of today and tomorrow. Currently, he is guiding companies through the complex legal and technical aspects of the relatively new ultra HD format.

Also on the legislative side, Jim helped a STEM-related nonprofit organization secure the inclusion of language in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) for several provisions, including a STEM master teacher corps program in Title II, the expansion of 21st century community learning centers, and funding for student robotics competitions.

Clients have described Jim as an "invaluable resource" who is "uniquely able to translate complex technology issues into language that policymakers understand" and who gives clients clear explanations of the options before them.

Admissions

- District of Columbia
- New York

Recognitions

- Named Lawyer of the Year for Copyright Law in Washington D.C. by "Best Lawyers," 2016; 2018
- Listed in "The Best Lawyers in America" for Technology Law, 2007-Present
- Listed in "Washington D.C. Super Lawyers," 2016-Present

Presentations

- Moderator, "Inventing TV 3.0: Defining the Set Top, Connected TV, Tablet & Smartphone Downloadable Consumer Experience"; 2013 International CES, Las Vegas, NV, January 9, 2013
- Keynote speaker, "Consumer Drawbacks of Cloud-Delivered Content: Privacy, Reliability, Security Issues"; 2013 International CES, Las Vegas, NV, January 9, 2013
- "After the Ordeal: Public Policy in the Post-SOPA/PIPA World"; Copyright and Technology NYC 2012 Conference, December 5, 2012

Instruction

- Adjunct professor, Georgetown Law Center, Copyright Law, 2014-Present
- Adjunct professor, University of Virginia Law School, Advanced Administrative Law, 1973-1982