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EDUCATION

- Valparaiso University School of Law, J.D., 2008
- Vanderbilt University, B.E., Electrical Engineering, 2005

ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- Missouri
- US Patent and Trademark Office

Addressing the patent needs of both large corporate clients and individuals, Thad has worked extensively on patent protection issues for a variety of industries, including aviation components and control, rail and automotive transportation, construction controls and machinery, electrical computer hardware design, and mobile software applications.

Thad assists clients with a variety of intellectual property matters, including covered business method reviews, inter partes reviews, domestic and foreign patent prosecution and patent litigation, particularly in the areas of electrical and mechanical engineering. He is admitted to practice law in Illinois and before the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

As an undergraduate at Vanderbilt University, Thad studied electrical engineering and was part of a select group of students who designed a missile guidance system for the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command (AMCOM). During his time in law school at Valparaiso University, Thad spent time working at a German patent firm, where he gained valuable experience working on oppositions, appeals and office action before the European Patent Office. He has also volunteered for the patent clinic of The John Marshall Law School and the Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic.

Presentations

- "The Law Surrounding Blockchain Technology"; Disrupt ICT Workshop, Wichita KS, June 13, 2018