

# NANCY K. BRITT

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Nancy's 20-plus years as an intellectual property attorney give her exceptional insight into the very specific needs of clients seeking to protect their innovative products and processes. She provides a high level of counsel regarding protection strategies for a variety of companies in industries such as consumer products, food processing, pharmaceuticals, packaging, manufacturing, and business processes. A background in biology, chemistry, and history allows her to handle matters from both a technical and strategic perspective. Her creative, thoughtful, and thorough approach to IP protections, combined with a deep understanding of her clients' business goals, make her an invaluable business partner and portfolio strategist.

Her practice focuses on advising clients on portfolio protection strategies as they relate to business goals. She has a keen appreciation for the necessity of superior patent prosecution. Without it, clients may waste valuable resources and miss lucrative opportunities to protect their innovations and inventions. She has prepared and filed hundreds of utility and design patent applications and routinely conducts freedom to operate, infringement, validity, and state-of-the-art competitive landscape searches and analyses.

Nancy has represented large and small companies and independent inventors in the United States, Asia, and Europe in patent prosecution and litigation matters. She enjoys working with start-up companies to implement IP policies from the ground up. She also has considerable experience handling copyright and trademark matters.

Nancy actively participates in the firm's recruiting and mentoring processes, working to create awareness of and opportunities for women in IP law.

## PRACTICE AREAS

Patents; Trademarks & Service Marks; Copyrights

## INDUSTRIES

AgriFood Tech; Chemistry & Materials Science; Consumer Products; Manufacturing; Mechanical & Electromechanical; Medical Devices; Pharmaceutical & Biotechnology



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## KEY MATTERS

- Prepare and prosecute patent applications directed towards business methods, manufacturing equipment, packaging, pharmaceutical compositions and methods, food processing, consumer products and more
- Advise clients on portfolio management
- Conduct freedom to operate, infringement, validity and competitive landscape searches and analyses

## NEWS/EVENTS

### IN THE NEWS

- Harness IP's Newest Principals Receive Recognition from Law360

### EVENTS

- IP Innovation Diversity Sprint Event for Michigan State University's Law Students

## BACKGROUND

Nancy began her career as an IP lawyer at a boutique law firm in Greensboro, North Carolina, learning firsthand all facets of the patent prosecution practice. She gained additional experience at a national law firm in metro Washington, D.C., before joining Harness IP.

## MEMBERSHIPS

- American Bar Association
- American Intellectual Property Law Association

## CIVIC & CHARITABLE

- Founding Member, D.C. area women patent attorneys networking group
- Nancy enjoys sponsoring and traveling with her daughters' youth cheer squads and her son's hockey team

## EDUCATION

J.D., Wake Forest University School of Law, 2004

B.A., Wake Forest University, 2001

**BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS**

North Carolina

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office