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Education

J.D., University of Michigan
Law School, 2007 (*magna cum laude*)
M.B.A., University of Houston-Clear Lake,
1999
B.A., Chemical Engineering,
Cornell University, 1993

Bar Admissions

New York
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
U.S. Court of Appeals for the
Federal Circuit
U.S. District Court for the
Southern District of New York

Chris Coulson represents technology, pharmaceutical, manufacturing and other companies in a wide range of intellectual property and commercial litigation matters. Mr. Coulson has extensive experience handling cases in federal courts and before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). He has served as lead counsel on over 10 *inter partes* review proceedings before the PTAB and as lead author of numerous *ex parte* reexamination requests to the USPTO. Mr. Coulson also has experience working on International Trade Commission matters.

Prior to joining Skadden, Mr. Coulson served as a trial attorney at the Department of Justice and as an associate at other major law firms.

Mr. Coulson dedicates a portion of his practice to *pro bono* matters, including, among other representations, serving as lead counsel on a Section 1983 civil rights trial in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. Earlier in his career, he argued and won the reversal of a criminal conviction on constitutional grounds before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

Prior to attending law school, Mr. Coulson was a practicing engineer for several years and worked in engineering and business roles in the chemical, electronics and medical device industries.

Presentations

Moderator and Presenter, “A Look at PTAB Proceedings in Their Second Decade,” Patent Law Institute 2024: Critical Issues & Best Practices New York, October 1, 2024

Moderator, “A Look at PTAB Proceedings as We Enter Decade Two,” Patent Law Institute 2023: Critical Issues & Best Practices New York, Practising Law Institute, October 5, 2023

Lecturer, “Oral Advocacy at the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB),” TRTCLE, Corp.’s Bridge the Gap Compliance Day, November 2022

Presenter, Ethics Presentation, State Bar of Nevada 2022 Intellectual Property Law Conference, October 2022