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PRACTICE FOCUS

Litigation
Intellectual Property & Technology
Copyrights
Intellectual Property Litigation
Licensing Agreements
Patent Litigation
Patent Post-Grant Proceedings
Patents
Software and Technology
Technology Transactions
Trade Secrets
Trademark Law

EDUCATION

University of South Florida,
B.S., 2015

Stetson University College of
Law, J.D., 2019, *cum laude*

- Stetson Law Review, Senior Associate
- Moot Court Board

Thomas J. "T.J." Banks is a registered patent attorney who advises clients across the full spectrum of intellectual property law, with a practice that integrates IP transactions, litigation, and prosecution. He helps companies protect, commercialize, and strategically leverage their intellectual property assets to drive business growth and maximize enterprise value.

T.J. has significant experience handling intellectual property and technology-driven transactions, including licensing agreements, SaaS and technology agreements, joint development arrangements, patent, trademark, and copyright assignments, and the IP aspects of mergers and acquisitions. He regularly conducts IP due diligence and counsels clients on portfolio strength, risk allocation, and post-transaction integration and maintenance. His transactional work is informed by his litigation and prosecution background, allowing him to identify potential risks early and structure agreements that are both practical and durable.

In addition, T.J. is an experienced litigator who represents clients in intellectual property and commercial disputes in federal courts and before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, including Inter Partes Review proceedings and Trademark Trial and Appeal Board matters. His experience also includes advising on unfair competition, e-commerce enforcement, and brand protection strategies. This litigation background informs his transactional approach, enabling him to anticipate risk and structure practical, defensible agreements.

THOMAS J. "T.J." BANKS

- National Order of Scribes Award
- William F. Blews Pro Bono Service Award
- Teaching Assistant: Legal Research and Writing
- Research Assistant

BAR ADMISSIONS

Hillsborough County Bar Association

The Florida Bar

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

COURT ADMISSIONS

All Florida State Courts

United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida

United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida

United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida

United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

T.J. also maintains an active patent, trademark, and copyright prosecution practice, helping clients develop and manage IP portfolios aligned with their broader business objectives. His integrated experience across transactions, litigation, and prosecution allows him to deliver strategic, business-focused counsel tailored to each client's industry and growth strategy.

During law school, T.J. served as a Senior Associate of the Stetson Law Review and competed on Stetson's Moot Court Board. He also served as a Federal Judicial Intern for the Honorable James S. Moody Jr., the Honorable Thomas B. McCoun, III, and the Honorable Michael G. Williamson in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida and worked as both a Research Assistant and Teaching Assistant.

HONORS

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- *The Best Lawyers in America®: Ones to Watch*
 - Litigation: Patent (2025-2026)
 - Intellectual Property Law (2026)
 - Litigation: Intellectual Property (2026)
 - Patent Law (2026)
 - Technology Law (2026)
- *Florida Super Lawyers*, Rising Star, Intellectual Property (2022-2026)
- *TAMPA Magazine's Top Lawyers* (2024-2026)
 - Litigation: Patent

NEWS & INSIGHTS

Hill Ward Henderson's Intellectual Property Group Recognized in WTR 1000 2026
Firm News, 1.29.26

Seventy-Seven Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Recognized in the 2026 Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America®* and *The Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*
Firm News, 8.21.25

Fifty-Eight Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Named to 2025 Florida Super Lawyers List
Firm News, 6.26.25

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Thirty-Eight Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Recognized in *Tampa Magazine's* 2025 Top Lawyers
Firm News, 1.6.25

Eighty-Three Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Cited in The Best Lawyers in America 2025 Publication
Firm News, 8.15.24

Fifty-Seven Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Recognized in 2024 Florida Super Lawyers Listing
Firm News, 6.24.24

Twenty-Nine Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Recognized in *Tampa Magazine's* 2024 Top Lawyers
Firm News, 1.3.24

Sixty-one Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Recognized in 2023 Florida Super Lawyers Listing
Firm News, 6.27.23

61 Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Recognized in 2022 Florida Super Lawyers Listing
Firm News, 7.1.22

Hill Ward Henderson Welcomes Three Attorneys
Firm News, 10.8.19