



## Rick Quarles

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Rick is a litigation associate in the firm's Charlotte office who focuses his practice on intellectual property matters, specifically patent litigation. With a degree and prior work experience in electrical engineering, Rick understands his client's technology across multiple industries. He is experienced in advising clients in patent litigation in a variety of technologies, including telecommunications, Near Field Communications (NFC), chip packaging, semiconductor power management, semiconductor memory management, semiconductor logic, computer hardware, mobile purchasing, solar power technology, and consumer packaged goods.

Rick focuses his practice on patent litigation and holds a degree in electrical engineering and a Master of Business Administration degree with a concentration in international business.

Rick's patent litigation practice includes representing clients in Section 337 investigations before the International Trade Commission (ITC), *inter partes* review proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal board, and cases before District Courts in California and Texas. His practice also covers IP portfolio diligence in M&A transactions and IP portfolio management for private equity clients.

Rick brings technical expertise in electrical and avionics engineering and technology policy to bear on navigating complex technology disputes. His past and current matters include a range of technologies, including telecommunications, Near Field Communications (NFC), chip packaging, semiconductor power management, semiconductor memory management, semiconductor logic, computer hardware, mobile purchasing, solar power generation, and consumer packaged goods.

Prior to attending law school, Rick worked for 24 years as an electrical and systems engineer where he gained technical experience in avionics design, integration, and test, aerospace systems reliability and maintainability, Field Programmable Gate Array (FPGA) design, and Application Specific Integrated Circuit (ASIC) design.

## Recent Experience

## Credentials

### EDUCATION

Rick received his B.S. in electrical engineering from Clemson University in 1996 and received his MBA from Georgia State University College of Business in 2002. He received his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Georgia State University College of Law in 2020, where he was the President of Intellectual Property Law Society.

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