

TERRENCE J. TRUAX, Partner

Jenner & Block Partner Terry Truax is a trial lawyer with a focus on intellectual property, commercial and antitrust litigation matters. Throughout his career, he has represented blue chip and emerging companies on a variety of significant matters across the United States, Asia and Europe.

From 2014, through end of 2019, Mr. Truax served as the firm's managing partner, and starting in 2020 returned to a full time practice as a commercial, patent and antitrust litigator. In addition to his service as member of the firm's Policy Committee, Mr. Truax also serves as a co-chair of the firm's Patent Litigation & Counseling Practice.

A committed advocate for indigent persons, Mr. Truax has an active pro bono practice with a focus on representing defendants accused of serious felonies, as well as a variety of other pro bono engagements.

Mr. Truax also is actively involved as a leader in the Chicago community. He serves as a trustee of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and as a Board member of Breakthrough Urban Ministries, a non-profit organization providing overnight housing, jobs assistance, youth development and fresh food programming in East Garfield Park, and as a Board member of the Lawndale Christian Legal Center, which provides legal defense for juvenile and emerging adult clients in North Lawndale. He also is working closely with the Garden of the Phoenix Foundation, which is committed to the promotion of the historic garden in Jackson Park, and the 160+ year relationship between Japan and the United States. Mr. Truax is a past board member of the Chicago Bar Foundation, the charitable arm of the Chicago Bar Association, and the Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic.

Awards

- Albert E. Jenner Pro Bono Award, 2007
- *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2020
Litigation: Intellectual Property
- FDLA "20 for 20" First Defender Award, 2015
- *Illinois Super Lawyers*
Intellectual Property Litigation, 2011-2020
- *Legal 500*
Intellectual Property, 2007
Trade Secrets, 2007
- *Managing Intellectual Property*
Patent Star, 2018
IP Star, 2013-2020
- Leading Lawyers Network
Commercial Litigation, 2015-2019



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PRACTICE GROUPS

Antitrust and Competition Law
Class Action
Intellectual Property
Japan Practice
Litigation
Patent Litigation and Counseling

EDUCATION

University of North Carolina School of Law,
JD, 1988; with honors; Articles Editor, *North Carolina Law Review*

Florida State University, BA History, 1983

ADMISSIONS

Illinois, 1988

COURT ADMISSIONS

US District Court, Northern District of Illinois,
1988

US Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit,
1991

US Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, 1993

US District Court, Eastern District of
Michigan, 2001

US District Court, Northern District of Illinois
(Trial Bar)

Community

- Chicago Symphony Orchestra
Board of Trustees
- Breakthrough Urban Ministries
Board of Directors
- Chicago Bar Foundation
Board of Directors, 2008-2014
- Lawndale Christian Legal Center
Board Member

Service To The Bar

- American Bar Association
- Chicago Bar Association

Publications

- "Rolling Through Winter with Jenner's Top Partner," *The AmLaw Daily*, December 22, 2016
- "Not Guilty, But Not Free: Cook County Regularly Violates Rights of the Acquitted," *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*, April 29, 2013

Speaking Engagements

- "Innovation - New Models for Differentiation," Bloomberg Big Law Business Summit, July 15, 2015
- "Intellectual Property Issues Facing Japanese Companies and Cross Border Business," California Bar Association and Daiichi Tokyo Bar Association, Los Angeles, CA, November 04, 2011
- "Balancing Act, Managing the Corporate Law Department's Growing Operational Demands," Counsel to Counsel Forum, Chicago, IL, June 21, 2005