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Overview

Anton Hopen is a member of the firm's Business Transactions and Intellectual Property Practice Groups. He is a registered patent attorney who counsels universities, technology companies, and founders on building, defending, and monetizing patent portfolios. With decades of experience spanning biotechnology, software, telecommunications, and engineered systems, he pairs rigorous prosecution and postgrant strategy with practical, businessforward advice. His capabilities include appeals and administrative litigation before the USPTO's Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) and Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (TTAB); he is also admitted to all federal district courts in Florida and to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Additionally, Hopen is one of only 135 attorneys to hold Board Certification in Intellectual Property by the Florida Bar. His work in intellectual property law has been recognized by *The Wall Street Journal* and featured in *The Business Journal*, *Law Review*, *Money Magazine*, and *Biotechnology Law Report.*

Before joining Trenam, Anton served as Managing Partner of an intellectual property firm.

Hopen earned his law degree from the University of Florida Levin College of Law and his undergraduate degree in Interdisciplinary Science from the University of South Florida.

Honors and Distinctions

- Florida Bar Board Certified in Intellectual Property Law
- Florida Bar Board Certification Committee 2024-2027
- USPTO Registered Patent Attorney
- AV Preeminent rating from Martindale-Hubbell
- *Tampa Magazine's Top Lawyers List*, 2020-2026
- *Florida Super Lawyers*, 2022-2026
- *Florida Trend Legal Elite*, Notable Intellectual Property Attorneys, 2026

Professional Involvement

- Member, American Inns of Court, 2026

Community Involvement

- United States Soccer Federation, Licensed Coach
- University of South Florida
  - National Academy of Inventors, USF Chapter President, 2016-2017
  - USF Young Innovator Competition, Director & Founder, 2009-2016

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Practice Areas

- Intellectual Property
- Copyright
- Patents
- Trademarks
- Trenam Tech
- Business Transactions

Education

- J.D., University of Florida Levin College of Law, 1995
  - Recipient of the Presidential Recognition Award for Outstanding Achievement
- B.A.Sc., University of South Florida, 1991

Admissions

- Florida
- U.S. District Courts in Florida
- Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals
- Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- USPTO

- Author, The Halo Product' Dividend, *IP Watchdog*, November 12, 2026
- Author, "The Font Protection Gap: What Businesses Actually Own When They Buy a Typeface," *Intellectual Property & Technology Law Journal*, October 2026
- Author, "4 Opinions Showcase Hurdles to Trademarking Names," Law360, September 2026
- Co-Author, "Why Physicians Should Patent: Translating Bedside Insight into Protectable Medical Innovation," Technology and Innovation Journal, September 2026
- Author, "Listing More Goods Does Not Widen a Trademark," *LinkedIn*, August 2026
- Author, "USPTO data reveals thousands of trademark filings at risk from wrong-name ownership trap," *World Trademark Review*, August 2026
- Co-Panelist, "MSI Expert Series Webinar: International Companies & U.S. Patents," MSI Global Alliance, July 2026
- Author, "The Home MRI Paradox," *Law.com*, July 2026
- Author, "Be Prepared to Navigate the Law of Website Images," *IP Watchdog*, June 2026
- Author, "AI-Created IP: What Must Be Disclosed and What Can Stay Confidential," *The AI Journal*, June 2026
- Co-author, "Protecting Federally Funded Intellectual Property with Federal Funds: A Direct Cost Proposal for Academic Invention," *Technology and Innovation*, May 2026
- Author, "The Law of Private Labeling," *Total Retail*, May 2026
- Author, "'Skinny Label' Arguments Spotlight Induced Infringement Risk," *Law360,* May 2026
- Author, "When the Clone Ships, the Release Records Matter," Trenam Law's Copyright Practice Group News, May 2026
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- Author, "Apparel Brands Must Consider Trademark Use in Launch From Day One," *Bloomberg Law*, April 2026
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- Author, "What Patents Can Tell Us About Forthcoming Technology: Tesla Optimus as a Case Study," LinkedIn, January 30, 2026
- Author, January 2026 PTAB Section 101 reversals: what actually moved the needle, *LinkedIn*, January 29, 2026
- Author, Your Doctor Should Hold Patents,*LinkedIn*, January 27, 2026
- Author, Congratulations, You Installed Python. Here Come the Lawyers, *LinkedIn*, January 19, 2026
- Author, Innovation Is Deflationary for Some Goods, Even When Money Is Inflating,*LinkedIn*, December 31, 2025
- Author, What a New Avatar Complaint Teaches Creators and Publishers About Copyright Deposits,*LinkedIn*, December 19, 2025
- Author, Speed of Play in IP: When Rights Turn on a Timestamp,*LinkedIn*, December 15, 2025
- Author, What the Ford BRONCO Teaches About Trademark Nonuse,*LinkedIn*, December 11, 2025
- Author, Six Million Lines of Code and a New Startup: What Employers Can Learn From X Corp. v. Yao Yue,*LinkedIn*, December 8, 2025
- Author, "A Patent Practitioner Looks Back 150 Years: The Lessons Still Hold," *LinkedIn*, December 3,2025

A frequent presenter on intellectual property and innovation, Anton has shared his expertise at leading universities, national conferences, and industry associations, such as:

- Florida State University
- BioFlorida
- National Neurovision Research Symposium
- Moffitt Cancer Research Center
- University of Florida College of Law
- Keller University
- United States Department of Defense

- Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
- Stetson 33rd Annual Conference on Higher Education
- Hillsborough County Bar Association
- University of South Florida
- University of Central Florida
- Florida Bar
- Central Florida Speakers' Association
- Bay Area Manufacturer's Association
- First Annual National Academy of Inventors Symposium