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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 rated by Martindale-Hubble
- *Tampa Magazine's Top Lawyers List*, 2020-2026
- *Florida Super Lawyers*, 2022-2025

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

Thought Leadership

- Author, "A Patent Practitioner Looks Back 150 Years: The Lessons Still Hold," *LinkedIn*, December 2025

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

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Practice Areas

- Patents
- Intellectual Property
- Trademarks
- 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

- 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