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AREAS OF FOCUS

Electronics
Computer Systems
Software
Business Methods
E-Commerce

Mr. Agovino has practiced intellectual property law since 1973. He currently concentrates his practice on protecting technology related to cutting-edge electronics, communications, computers, software and business methods. He has considerable patent preparation and prosecution experience in motors, antennas, communications systems, software, solid state controls, incentive/loyalty systems, credit card systems and Internet systems and methods. Several patents prepared by Mr. Agovino have been licensed and enforced in litigation.

Before becoming an attorney for Senniger Powers, Mr. Agovino was Patent Counsel for Hazeltine Corporation where he managed Hazeltine's patent program relating to high technology electronics and computer controlled systems. He has also worked in government contracting matters and has tried patent infringement cases in both the Claims Court and the District Court. Mr. Agovino also has experience for clients involved in digital timing systems and consumer electronics.

As a captain in the U.S. Army, Mr. Agovino handled intellectual property matters at the Pentagon. His practice focused on electronics and computer systems in support of various government agencies.

Mr. Agovino received a Bachelor of Science degree in both Physics and Mathematics from Clarkson University in 1970. He received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Cincinnati in 1973.

Along with his commitment to Senniger Powers, Mr. Agovino was an affiliated professor in the School of Electrical Engineering at Washington University in St. Louis from 1991 to 2001. He is a member of the American Intellectual Property Law Association and the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Mr. Agovino serves as a Park Trustee of the Village of Greentrails and is on the Board of the Missouri Family Policy Council.

EDUCATION

Clarkson University (B.S., Physics and Mathematics, 1970)
University of Cincinnati (J.D., 1973)

BAR INFORMATION

Missouri, Admitted 1988
United States Patent and Trademark Office, Admitted 1974
United States Court of Claims, Admitted 1983
United States District Court for Eastern District of Missouri, Admitted 1988
United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, Admitted 1974

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

Business Method Patents: An Overview and Recommendations by Frank R. Agovino and James J. Barta, Jr., Missouri Business Law Quarterly (2001)
Patenting Business Methods: The Next Frontier for the Internet, E-Commerce, and the Financial Services Sector by Frank R. Agovino and James J. Barta, Jr., St. Louis Lawyer (2000)
Protecting Copyrights and Trademarks in Cyberspace, St. Louis Lawyer (1998)
Protecting Trademarks and Copyrights on the Internet by Frank R. Agovino and David E. Crawford, Jr., Journal of BAMSL (1997)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

How to Succeed in Business Method Patents: an Update, presented to BAMSL (2004, 2001)

Business Method Patents: Plague or Panacea by Frank R. Agovino and James J. Barta, Jr., presented to BAMSL (2000)

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