



## John L. Alex

### Retired

#### Professional History

Mr. Alex has over 40 years experience and is a senior partner of the firm. He graduated from Northwestern University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering. He then joined the firm of Hill, Sherman, Meroni, Gross and Simpson and, in 1963, the firm of Dawson, Tilton, Fallon, Lungmus and Alexander, both of which were located in Chicago and specialized in intellectual property law matters. In 1964, he joined the firm of Griest, Lockwood, Greenawalt and Dewey, a predecessor of the present firm, specializing during that time in patent, trademark and copyright law, and related unfair competition and antitrust matters.

Mr. Alex's many years of practice have involved a wide variety of domestic and international intellectual property matters. Mr. Alex has in-depth experience and primary responsibility in patent, trademark and copyright litigation matters at the trial and appellate level, patent validity and infringement evaluations and opinions, the preparation and prosecution of patent applications, patent interferences, intellectual property licensing, trademark and copyright procurement and enforcement, as well as intellectual property counseling. In addition, Mr. Alex has been engaged as an expert witness in numerous patent litigations (mechanical, chemical and related arts).

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#### EDUCATION

1962 - Northwestern University, Juris Doctor

1959 - Northwestern University, B.S. Chemical Engineering

#### ADMISSIONS

State of Illinois

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the First, Seventh and Eighth Circuits

Trial Bar of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

U.S. Patent & Trademark Office

#### ASSOCIATIONS

American Bar Association

Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago

The Lawyers Club of Chicago

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## Professional Experience

1999 to Date      Shareholder      Cook Alex, Chicago

Primary litigation responsibility (at trial and appellate level) in patent, trademark, copyright and related litigation; expert witness engagements in patent infringement litigation (mechanical and chemical arts); patent, trademark and copyright licensing; validity and infringement evaluations and opinions; patent interferences; patent and trademark application preparation and prosecution; counseling in intellectual property matters.

1964 to 1999      Partner      Lockwood, Alex, FitzGibbon & Cummings, Chicago

1963 to 1964      Associate      Dawson, Tilton, Fallon, Lungmus & Alexander, Chicago

1962 to 1963      Associate      Hill, Sherman, Meroni, Gross and Simpson, Chicago

## Selected Litigation Activities

Stowe-Davis Furniture Co. v. Paradigm International, Inc. **N.D. Ill.**

•Ermanco Inc. v. Metzger Conveyor Co. **W.D. Mich.**

•Conagra v. Geo. A. Hormel & Co. **D. Neb., 8th Cir.**

Studiengesellschaft Kohle mbH, a Trustee for the Max-Planck-Institut fur Kohlenforschung v. Northern Petrochemical Co. **N.D. Ill.**

Zin-Plas Corp. v. CIP Enterprises Co., Ltd. et al. **N.D. Ill.**

Del Monte Corp. v. General Foods Corp. et al. **N.D. Cal.**

Herman Motor, Inc. v. Inmac, Inc. **N.D. Ill.**

•Bowthorpe-Hellerman Limited v. All States Plastic Manufacturing Co., Inc. **N.D. Ill.**

Herman Miller, Inc. v. M. R. Enterprises, Ltd., d/b/a Mr. Rents **N.D. Ill.**

•Whiting Corp. v. White Machinery et al. **N.D. Ill., 7th Cir.**

•Sargent-Welch Scientific Co. v. J/B Industries **N.D. Ill.**

Medallion Instruments, Inc. v. Airguide Instruments, Inc. **N.D. Ill., 7th Cir.**

Enesco Imports Corp. v. Papel, Inc. et al. **N.D. Ill.**

•Bowthorpe-Hellermann Limited et al. v. Lynx, Inc. **D. Mass.**

•Sargent-Welch Scientific Co. v. Charles N. Egan et al. **D. Mass., 1st Cir.**

•The Richardson Chemical Co. v. Coral Chemical Co., Inc. et al.

**Cal. Super. Ct., County of San Mateo**

•Richardson Graphics Co. v. Thurman P. Lambert et al. **Ch. Ct. of Madison County, Tenn.**

•All States Plastic Manufacturing Co., Inc. v. Panduit Corp., Bowthorpe-Hellermann, Ltd., Bowthorpe Holdings, Ltd. and Tyton Corp. (Counter-claim in Panduit v. All States) **N.D. Ill.**

C.B. Fleet Co. v. Complete Packaging Corp., d/b/a Chemical Packaging Corp. et al.

**N.D. Ill., 7th Cir.**

•Geo. A. Hormel & Co. v. House of Raeford Farms, Inc. **M.D.N.C.**

•Morton Thiokol, Inc. v. Argus Chemical Corp. **E.D. La., Fed. Cir.**

Syva Co. v. Miles Laboratories, Inc. **N.D. Ill.**

•Panduit Corp. v. Tyton Corp. **E.D. Wis.**

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### PRACTICES

*Asset Management*

*Counseling*

*Copyrights*

*Litigation*

*Patent Prosecution*

*Trademarks*

*Trade Secrets*

*Licensing*

*Unfair Competition*

### TECHNOLOGIES

*Chemical*

*Electrical*

*Mechanical*

*Medical Technology*

*Pharmaceutical*

## Selected Litigation Activities (Cont.)

- Petersen Manufacturing Co., Inc. v. Adjustable Clamp Co. **E.D. Ill.**
- Richardson Chemical Co. v. Thomas M. Reynolds, et al. **Ch. Ct. of Davidson County, Tenn.**
- James C. Wilborn & Sons, Inc. et al. v. Brandex Tilt Sash, Inc. et al. **N.D. Ill., 7th Cir.**
- Leach Co. v. General Sani-Can Manufacturing Corp. **N.D. Ill., 7th Cir.**
- General Sani-Can Manufacturing Corp. v. The United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division et al. **U.S. Sup. Ct.**
- Continental Can Co., Inc. v. Anchor Hocking Glass Corp. **N.D. Ill., 7th Cir.**
- Illinois Tool Works, Inc. v. Continental Can Co., Inc. **N.D. Ill., 7th Cir.**
- The Human Eng'g Institute, Inc. v. The Welch Scientific Co. **N.D. Ill., 7th Cir., U.S. Sup. Ct.**
- David R. Blake et al. v. Bassick Co. et al. **N.D. Ill., 7th Cir., U.S. Sup. Ct.**
- Watsco, Inc. v. Henry Valve Co. **S.D.N.Y., 2nd Cir., U.S. Sup. Ct.**
- Central Soya Co., Inc. v. George A. Hormel & Co. **Fed. Cir.**
- Mold-Masters Limited v. Melt Master, Inc. **N.D. Ill.**
- Jomac, Inc. v. The Richardson Co. **E.D. Pa.**
- Parrish's Cake Decorating Supplies, Inc. v. Wilton Enterprises, Inc. et al. **N.D. Ill.**
- Ransberg Electro-Coating Corp. v. King Industries Enameling Division **N.D. Ill.**
- SCM Corp. v. Brother International Corp. **N.D. Ill., S.D.N.Y.**
- The Sargent-Welch Scientific Co. v. Beckman Instruments, Inc. **N.D. Ill.**
- Woodstream, Inc. v. Trophy Products, et al. **S.D. Tex.**
- J.P. Aldworth et al. v. Sargent-Welch Scientific Co. **Cir. Ct. of Cook County, Ill. (Ch. Div.)**
- Richardson Graphics Co. v. London Litho Aluminum Co., Inc. **N.D. Ill.**
- Richardson Graphics Co. v. Citiplate, Inc. et al. **W.D. Tenn.**
- Sargent-Welch Scientific Co. v. McKelvy **D. Colo.**
- Sargent-Welch Scientific Co. v. Industrial Vacuum Eng'g et al. **N.D. Cal.**
- Lincoln Diagnostics, Inc. v. Farris Labs., Inc. et al. **N.D. Ill.**
- Sargent-Welch Scientific Co. v. Leybold-Heraeus GmbH & Co. K.G. **W.D. Pa.**
- Mars, Inc. v. Dove Cottage Ltd. **USPTO (Opposition)**
- Takeshi Nii et al. v. Ida Stein & Associates et al. **N.D. Ill.**
- Lea-Ronal, Inc. v. The Richardson Co. et al. **N.D. Ill.**
- Didactic Corp. v. Sargent-Welch Scientific Co. **N.D. Ohio**
- Minami International Corp. v. Bethlehem Lights, Inc. et al. **S.D. N.Y.**
- The Richardson Co. et al. v. Lee-Ronal, Inc. et al. **E.D. N.Y.**
- Sargent-Welch Scientific Co. v. Frank W. Behre **Cir. Ct. of Cook County, Ill. (Ch. Div.)**
- Kehe et al. (White Cap, Inc.) v. Kornelis **USPTO (Interference)**
- Webb v. Osborne **USPTO (Interference)**
- Tredegar Industries, Inc. v. Ivex Packaging Corp. et al. **E.D. Va.**
- Fotis & Son Imports, Inc. v. Spartan Bros. et al. **N.D. Ill.**
- Golden Bay Enterprises, Inc. v. Roman, Inc. **E.D. N.Y.**
- Osgood Industries, Inc. v. B.W.I. Fords Holmatic, Inc. **N.D. Ill.**
- Lampi, LLC v. U.S. Energy Technologies, Inc. **N.D. Ill.**

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## Selected Litigation Activities (Cont.)

- Harrigan Roller Co., Inc. et al. v. Charlotte E. Walsch **Cir. Ct. of Balt. City**
- Heilman v. Curiel v. Gaylor **USPTO (Interference)**
- General Housewares Corp. v. MetroThebe, Inc. d/b/a/ Metro Marketing **N.D. III.**
- Innovative Design Enterprises, Inc. v. Circulair, Inc. **N.D. III.**
- Mold-Masters Ltd. v. Melt Design, Inc. **N.D. III.**
- Marusiak v. Adjustable Clamp Co. **N.D. III.**
- Carson Pirie Scott v. Peter Pan Restaurants, Inc. (Carson's Ribs) **N.D. III.**

## Selected Expert Witness Engagements Wherein Mr. Alex Has Testified

- Zip Dee, Inc. v. The Dometic Corp. (Deposition) **N.D. III.**
- Industrial Molding Corp. v. Santa's Best (Deposition) **N.D. Tex.**
- Videojet Systems International, Inc. v. Inkjet, Inc. (Deposition) **N.D. III.**
- International Visual Corp. v. Crown Metal Mfg. Co. (Deposition) **N.D. III.**
- Ecolab v. Paraclipse (Deposition and Trial) **D. Neb.**
- Lakewood Eng. and Manuf. Co. v. Lasko Metal Products, Inc. (Deposition & Trial) **N.D. III.**
- Caterpillar, Inc. v. Deere & Company (Deposition) **N.D. III.**
- Paymaster Technologies, Inc. v. United States (Deposition and Trial) **U.S. Court of Claims**
- The Coca-Cola Company v. Pepsico, Inc. et al. (Deposition and Trial) **N.D. Ga. (Atlanta Div.)**
- Novartis Corporation v. Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. (Deposition) **D.N.J.**
- Marine Polymer v. HemCom, Inc. (Deposition) **D.N.H.**
- Carter Bryant v. Mattel, Inc. (Deposition) **C.D. Cal.**