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Licensing

We procure domestic and international patents, obtain registration of trademarks and protection of copyrights, and provide appraisal and valuation of intellectual property conceived and developed by our clients or by others from whom our clients are acquiring the property. We arrange domestic and international transfers of intellectual property rights and provide legal representation and counsel in the resolution of disputes over ownership, validity and infringement.

Miller Canfield offers clients our complete service expertise in patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets and computer transactions, including comprehensive dispute resolution. Our attorneys provide guidance and counsel in all phases of domestic and foreign patent procurement, licensing and litigation. We assist clients in formulating IP strategies to protect innovation evolving from their research and development.

Our attorneys regularly counsel clients regarding their freedom to operate in research areas and commercial activities. This work often includes providing opinions on the validity, enforceability and/or infringement or non-infringement of intellectual property rights, as well as strategies to enhance their ability to operate freely. Analogously, our IP attorneys are highly proficient in performing due diligence on third party IP estates in connection with potential licensing, acquisition and divestiture transactions. To this end, we regularly represent clients in domestic and foreign licensing and franchising agreements.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- **Company Software Licensing**
A corporate client had a software licensing issue (too many seats and not enough licenses for a particular application) and was being threatened with a lawsuit for copyright infringement and treble damages. We successfully negotiated a prompt and low-cost resolution with the copyright holder to diffuse what could have been a drawn-out and extremely expensive situation.
- **Medical Device Company Licensing Patents and Transferring Technology**
Represented medical device company in licensing patents and transferring technology from doctors and universities related to surgical implants.