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Experience

Noel Courage is a partner with Bereskin & Parr LLP and member of the Life Sciences practice group. He is co-leader of the COVID-19 practice group.

Noel's practice focuses on the patenting and licensing of biotechnological, chemical and mechanical inventions. He provides opinions on patent validity and infringement issues. He also has experience in regulatory, trademark and copyright law, and provides advice on IP portfolio management strategy. His regulatory work includes advising on data exclusivity, Patent Medicine Prices Review Board and Patented Medicines (NOC) Regulations strategy and advising pharmaceutical clients on advertising.

While attending Memorial University, Noel worked as a research assistant in the biochemistry department. While completing his law degree at Dalhousie University, Noel received prizes for academic excellence in patent, trademark and contract law.

Noel has lectured on IP licensing at the Patents and Trade Secrets course at the University of Toronto since 2011. He is the Director of the McGill University/ Intellectual Property Institute of Canada (IPIC) "Understanding Patents" course (2019-2020). He has also spoken at meetings of the Intellectual Property Owners' Association (International Law Committee) and annual meetings of the American IP Law Association and the Intellectual Property Institute of Canada. Noel has authored many articles on IP law and technology, and has been cited in a number of prestigious publications, including a report on Patent Term Extensions and Adjustments by the Global Legal Research Center of the U.S. Library of Congress.

Recent Articles

- Licensing of COVID-19 Diagnostic IP to Facilitate Fast Access in the Third World
- Medicines Patent Pool Gets Big Wins in Accessing Breakthrough COVID-19 Drugs for the Third World

Practice Groups

Cleantech
COVID-19
Industrial Designs
Licensing & Transactions
Life Sciences
Mechanical & Industrial Processes
Oil & Gas
Patents
Plant Breeders' Rights
Regulatory, Advertising & Marketing

Education

LL.B., Dalhousie University, 1995
B.Sc. (Biochem.), Memorial University of Newfoundland, 1992

Qualifications

Registered Canadian Patent Agent, 2004
Registered United States Patent Agent, 2004
Admitted to the Ontario Bar, 1997

Professional Memberships

American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)
Canadian Healthcare Licensing Association (CHLA)
Intellectual Property Institute of Canada (IPIC), Fellow
Law Society of Ontario (LSO)
Toronto Intellectual Property Group (TIPG)



- One Person's Trash is Another Person's Treasure Part IV: The Right to Repair Movement - U.K. Update
- A Healthy Dose of Skepticism From Regulators Leads to a Safe and Effective Dose of COVID-19 Drugs and Vaccines
- Use of Employee Non-compete Agreements About to Become Void in Ontario

Accolades

- 25 Bereskin & Parr Lawyers Listed in 2022 Best Lawyers in Canada
- Bereskin & Parr Recognized in IAM Patent 1000 2021
- 22 Bereskin & Parr Professionals Listed in the 2021 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory
- Who's Who Legal: Canada 2020 Highlights Twenty Bereskin & Parr Practitioners
- 21 Bereskin & Parr Professionals Listed in 2021 Best Lawyers in Canada