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## Firm Overview

Talem IP Law was established in January 2015 when Sarah Knight and Wendy Zimbone joined forces to launch Gainesville, Florida's first women-owned intellectual property (IP) law firm. Sarah and Wendy offer a pioneering approach to empowering clients with IP, bringing together experience in patent preparation and prosecution, engineering, business, and licensing. Our firm now includes attorneys and patent practitioners with backgrounds in Electrical Engineering, Computer Science, Biomedical Engineering, Civil and Mining Engineering, and Chemistry. Talem IP provides clients with comprehensive IP solutions in the fields of semiconductors, engineering, software, and medical devices.

Talem IP is 100% women owned and women managed law firm. Of Talem IP's attorneys, 80% are women and 100% of our support staff are women as well. Talem IP is proud to be a WBENC-Certified Women Business Enterprise (WBE), a certified Women Owned Small Business (WOSB), and an active member of NAMWOLF (the National Association of Minority and Women Owned Law Firms). Talem IP takes diversity and inclusion very seriously and strives to provide opportunities for working parents and employees who need an alternative work schedule.

Talem IP Law believes in innovation and progress. We invest in our attorneys and employees through comprehensive training, mentoring, and professional development and believe in helping them achieve their full potential. We seek out and implement cutting edge technology and cloud computing to increase efficiency and produce a superior quality of work. This combined approach allows us to offer consistent and valuable representation of our clients at competitive prices.

Talem IP's core beliefs include the following:

**Idea:** Innovation starts with an idea. We help you capture and protect it.

**Communication:** We listen, ask, and explain.

**Strategy:** We pay attention to your business goal to create a customized approach to protect your unique ideas and innovations.

**Protection:** We establish defensive and offensive positions through obtaining and using a variety of intellectual property rights for each client.

**Focus:** We provide exemplary technical expertise to handle all of your IP needs from software to silicon.

Talem IP represents clients big and small, including large global corporations, universities, small to mid-size companies, and startups. Our patent practice group focuses heavily on patent preparation and prosecution but also conducts opinion and diligence work in technology areas spanning from semiconductors to software. The patent group is led by founding partner, Sarah Knight, a former chair of the AIPLA Patent Law committee and a renowned expert in the area of software patents. Founding partner, Wendy Zimbone, leads our transactional practice group, assisting clients with IP strategy, licensing, transactions, and commercialization.

We offer services in the following practice areas:

## Patents and Trademarks

- Patent drafting and prosecution
- Trademark filing and prosecution
- Coordinating world-wide patent and trademark filings and prosecution
- Patent opinions (patentability, freedom-to-operate, validity, and inventorship)

## Licensing

- License Agreements and Option Agreements: patent, copyright, trademark, and trade secret
- Technology Development Agreements
- Data Use and License Agreements
- Software License Agreements
- End User License Agreements
- Mobile App Agreements and Terms of Service

## IP Portfolio Development and Management

- Invention Disclosure protocols
- Portfolio review and evaluation
- IP Due diligence

## Technology Transfer Services

- Invention Disclosure Review and Analysis
- IP protection, strategy, and portfolio management.
- All forms of University Licensing





**Sarah Knight**  
**Partner**

Sarah Knight is a founding partner of Talem IP Law and heads the Patent Team. She works with national and international corporations, universities and research institutions, start-ups, and individuals in fields including computer processors, semiconductor devices, software, financial services, and medical imaging.

Sarah's practice includes patent preparation and prosecution, as well as opinion and diligence work. Sarah is also involved in counseling clients with respect to patent portfolio generation, management, and strategy for US and international protection.

Sarah is involved with the University of Florida's Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering as a member of the external advisory board. She is a Guest Lecturer for the Introduction to Electrical Engineering course at the University of Florida. She was the Chair of the Patent Law Committee of the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) from 2017 to 2019.

For the local community, Sarah participates in Patent Pro Bono FL through the Arts & Business Council of Miami.

**Philosophy:**

- To capture innovation in a readable and usable manner
- To support and empower business, commercialization, and growth

For clients, colleagues, and innovators, Sarah is committed to assisting the IP industry flourish through cooperation and exchange of ideas.

Sarah is an avid reader, eater, and quiet seeker.

**Admissions**

Florida  
US Patent and Trademark Office

**Education**

University of Florida Levin College of Law, J.D., cum laude, 2006  
University of Florida, M.S. Electrical Engineering

- Specialization in Electronic Circuits and Devices

University of Florida, B.S. Electrical Engineering, 2001

- Certificate in Electronics

St. Petersburg College, A.A., 1999

## Technical Specialties

Semiconductor Devices (including packaging and fabrication)

Electronic Circuits

Cyber security and Secure systems

Medical Devices

Imaging

Software Applications and Products

Payment Products and Systems

## Competencies

IP Strategy and counseling

Patent preparation and prosecution

Patentability analysis, freedom-to-operate analysis, claim scope analysis, infringement opinions

Diligence/file history review

## Select Speaking Engagements

- AIPLA Annual Meeting, Track 1 session: Knock Knock! Patent Eligible Subject Matter in 2019 in the US and Abroad, “Strategies for Claiming Inventions Involving Software and Algorithms,” October 24, 2018
- Keynote speaker, University of Florida Integrated Product & Process Design Review “The IPPD Stack – Developing Multiple Skills for Success,” December 5, 2017
- 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference on Intellectual Property Law, Center for American and International Law “Overcoming challenges in drafting and prosecuting patent applications on software inventions,” November 16, 2015
- AIPLA Webinar, USPTO Section 101 Guidelines: Part I, February 12, 2015
- AIPLA Webinar, “Alice where are you going?” December 3, 2014

## Organizations

American Intellectual Property Association (AIPLA)

Patent Law Committee Chair (2017-2019)

Patent Law Committee Vice Chair (2015-2017)

Professional Programming Committee Member

National Association of Minority and Women Owned Law Firms (NAMWOLF)

IP Committee Member



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**Wendy Zimbone**  
**Managing Partner**

Wendy Zimbone, founding and managing partner of Talem IP Law, specializes in IP licensing, IP strategy, and contract negotiations. She drafts and negotiates license agreements, development agreements, research agreements, SaaS agreements, hosting agreements, manufacturing/supplier agreements, and other commercial contracts. Her practice emphasizes the importance of intellectual property in overall business strategy and technology commercialization. She has assisted many clients in getting their technology to the marketplace and maximizing the value in the IP they create.

She joined Talem from the University of Florida, where she was the Assistant Director of Engineering and Software Licensing. She managed approximately 400 intellectual property cases and was responsible for overseeing an extensive patent budget. She negotiated dozens of license agreements each year along with many other IP related agreements.

Wendy is actively involved in NAMWOLF the National Association of Minority and Women Owned Law Firms which she chairs the IP CLE efforts, volunteers with both the Intellectual Property and Technology Transaction Committees, and actively speaks at conferences and on webinars.

She also serves as a mentor for the Empowering Women in Technology Startups (ewits) program and as a board member of the Littlewood Elementary School Parent Teacher Association. She has two active young boys and loves being outdoors and going on family adventures.

### **Admissions**

Massachusetts  
New Hampshire  
US Patent and Trademark Office

### **Education**

University of New Hampshire School of Law, J.D. 2011  
- Franklin Pierce Center for Intellectual Property Law, Intellectual Property Law Certificate  
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, B.S. in Computer Science, 2003

## Select Speaking Engagements

September 2019 – NAMWOLF CLE – “Diversity and Inclusion in IP”

June 2019 – NAMWOLF Webinar – “Defining Technology: Why it matters in Agreements!”

May 2019 – Technology Transfer Central Webinar – “Licensing Know-How: Capture the Full Value of Your

Technologies and Foster Supportive Relationships with Licensees”

November 2018 - American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) Webinar – “The Cutting Edge, How to work with Start Up clients to get the best results!” CLE

October 2018 - University of Texas System Office – “Anatomy of a Software License”

September 2018 – NAMWOLF – “Did you say Mobile App” CLE

Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM)

- May 2018 AUTM Software Course – “Anatomy of a Software License”
- April 2018 AUTM Webinar – “IP Basics for Software Innovations”
- February 2016 AUTM Annual Meeting – “Open Source Software Commercialization”

## Technical Specialties

Computer Science and Software

Medical Devices

Healthcare IT

Educational Technology

Engineering Devices

Consumer Products

## Competencies

Contract and Licensing Agreements

Supply Chain Agreements

IP Strategy

Technology Commercialization

Standard Operating Procedures related to IP life cycle



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**Nicole Wanty**  
**Senior Associate Patent Attorney**

Nicole Wanty is a registered patent attorney practicing patent preparation and prosecution, as well as intellectual property counseling. Nicole works with national and international corporations, universities and research institutions, start-ups, and individuals to carry out and inform patent strategies in technology areas including electronics, software, networking, productivity applications, computer human interfaces, and mobile applications.

Prior to joining Talem IP Law, Nicole was an intellectual property associate at a law firm in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Nicole also externed in the Patent Experience Extern Program at the United States Patent and Trademark Office and at an intellectual property firm in Alexandria,

Virginia.

Nicole is an active member of the American Intellectual Property Association (AIPAA) and is involved with AIPAA's Professional Programs Committee, Education Committee, and Electronic and Computer Law Committee.

In her free time, Nicole enjoys traveling and playing and watching sports, especially the Minnesota Golden Gophers.

### **Admissions**

Illinois

US Patent and Trademark Office

### **Education**

University of New Hampshire School of Law, J.D. 2011

- Franklin Pierce Center for Intellectual Property Law, Intellectual Property Law Certificate, 2011
- Chair, Student Intellectual Property Law Association

St. Cloud State University, B.S. in Computer Science, 2015

- Graduated magna cum laude

University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, B.S. Chemistry, 2007

## **Technical Specialties**

Computer Science

Electronics

Software

Networking

Productivity Applications

Computer Human Interfaces

Mobile Applications

## **Competencies**

Patent Preparation and Prosecution

Claim Scope Analysis and Infringement Analysis

Patentability Opinions

Trademark Opinions

## **Select Speaking Engagements**

AIPLA Mid-Winter Institute, Moderator, Plenary Session: "What Every IP Practitioner Needs to Know About Risk Management," February 2, 2019

## **Organizations**

Chicago Bar Association

American Intellectual Property Association (AIPLA)

Committee on the Profession

Co-Vice Chair, 2019-2021

Professional Programs Committee

2019 Annual Meeting Topic Subcommittee Member

2019 Spring Meeting Session Coordinator

2018 Annual Meeting Session Coordinator

Electronic and Computer Law Committee (ECLC)

2018 ECLC Summit Session Coordinator

Patent Law Committee

Member





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**Sean Combs**  
**Associate Patent Attorney**

I work at Talem IP Law as an Associate Patent Attorney. I write and prosecute patents before the United States Patent & Trademark Office on behalf of our clients. I also work to protect our clients' other intellectual property needs, including trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets, as well as contracts and licensing agreements related to their intellectual property.

Currently, I am the IP Symposium Sponsorship Chair for the Florida Bar Business Section, a member of the Young Lawyers Division of the Florida Bar, and a member of the American Bar Association. I also participate in the Patent Pro Bono FL through the Arts & Business Council of Miami and facilitate meetings between UF Law students and attorneys at Talem IP Law to help the students understand the life and career of an

IP attorney.

Outside of work, I enjoy my faith, my family, and sports (especially football and basketball). I also enjoy being outdoors and exploring the many different outdoor activities that Florida has to offer.

**Admissions**

Florida  
US Patent and Trademark Office

**Education**

University of Florida Levin College of Law, J.D. 2017

- Graduated with a certificate in Intellectual Property
- Member of the UF Law Student Recruitment Team

West Virginia University, 2011, *B.S. in Civil Engineering, B.S. in Mining Engineering*

- Member of the Society of Mining Engineers

## **Technical Specialties**

Mechanical – mining/drilling, oil and gas technology, pumps and pumping systems, machinery, robotics, drones, mechanical devices, generators and engines.

Energy Technology – Battery, solar energy, wind/fluid energy

Environmental Technology – Water/Wastewater Treatment

Software inventions related to mechanical devices

## **Competencies**

Contracts and Licensing Agreements

Patent Preparation and Prosecution

Claim Scope and Infringement Analysis

Patentability Opinions

Trademark Opinions

## **Select Speaking Engagements**

“Anatomy of a Software License,” Association of University Technology Managers Conference in Pittsburgh, PA on May 10, 2018.

## **Organizations**

Florida Bar IP Symposium Sponsorship Chair

Member of the Young Lawyers Division of the Florida Bar

Member of the American Bar Association



## Langley Clark Associate Patent Attorney

Langley Clark is a registered patent attorney practicing patent preparation and prosecution, and trademark preparation and prosecution. Langley works with inventors and large corporations to carry out patent prosecution from inventor disclosure meetings through allowance.

Prior to joining Talem IP Law, Langley was an intellectual property associate at another boutique intellectual property law firm performing patent law work for national and international corporations.

Langley is a mom of four and enjoys participating with and volunteering with many of the children's activities. She volunteers with several local charitable organizations. She is also a freelance photographer, loves to stay active and being outdoors and enjoys running, biking, and tennis.

### Admissions

Florida  
US Patent and Trademark Office

### Education

University of Florida Levin College of Law, J.D. 2008

- Bar award Patent Prosecution

Washington University in St. Louis, B.S. in Biomedical Engineering, 2005

- Graduated cum laude

### Technical Specialties

Biomedical Devices  
Surgical Implants and Tools  
Software Applications  
Networking  
Productivity Applications  
Computer Human Interfaces  
Mobile Applications

### Competencies

Patent Preparation and Prosecution  
Trademark Opinions



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**Richard Schaffer**  
**Technical Specialist**

**Current Practice**

Richard Schaffer (“Rick”) works at Talem IP Law as a technical specialist. Rick prepares initial drafts of patents, including claims, drawings, and specification, based on disclosure meetings with inventors.

In his free time, Rick enjoys various board and card games. Rick especially enjoys learning new ones, as they provide me with new arenas to test my strategies and emerge with more rigorous heuristics.

**Education**

University of Florida, B.S. in Electrical Engineering, 2019

**Technical Specialties**

Semiconductor Devices  
Software Applications  
Medical Devices

**Competencies**

Patent Preparation