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Ryan Compton is Of Counsel in the Intellectual Property and Technology practice group at DLA Piper LLP (US) in Washington, D.C., where he is also a member of the Technology and Sports, Media, and Entertainment Sectors.

Ryan's trademark experience encompasses trademark counseling, with an emphasis on complex intellectual property licensing, including the design and implementation of intercompany license structures, and multi-jurisdictional trademark portfolio management. He frequently advises clients on brand development and the intellectual property aspects of mergers and acquisitions including due diligence and agreement drafting.

Ryan has experience in copyright counseling and develops enforcement and registration strategies for creative properties, software, and online databases, performs copyright compliance audits, and consults clients on Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) issues. He has participated in the Copyright Office's multi-stakeholder DMCA notice and takedown working group and other rule-making activities.

Ryan counsels clients on online intellectual property protection, including online trademark and copyright enforcement, domain name portfolio management (including generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD) rollout issues), fraud investigations, defamation claims, and domain name disputes. He has investigated and executed enforcement programs against content scraping, software piracy, beta-tester non-disclosure agreement violations, infringement in mobile application software, "gold-farming" and other online fraud.

Ryan manages trademark and copyright portfolios which range from small startups to large-scale mature entities, including some of the world's most well-known brands, in over 100 countries. He assists in litigation matters before the federal courts and the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, and manages a large number of multi-jurisdictional IP enforcement matters around the world. In addition, he is experienced in trademark selection, adoption and use of trademarks, domestic and global trademark prosecution and enforcement.

Ryan is a strong advocate of pro bono work and serves on the boards of the Community Economic Development Project of the D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center and Critical Exposure (<http://www.criticalexposure.org>).

Ryan earned a B.S. in Political Science, with minor concentrations in Computer Science and Business Administration, from Vanderbilt University and his J.D. from Emory University School of Law. He frequently presents CLE programs and primers on

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- Corporate

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intellectual property basics and substantive issues to help businesses maximize the value of their brands, such as the gTLD rollout and the intellectual property aspects of M&A deals. Ryan is a frequent contributor to DLA Piper's intellectual property blog, found at <http://www.remarksblog.com>. Ryan is an avid follower of online, hardware, and software technology developments, and social media trends. He has lifelong devotion to music as a listener, musician, recording artist, disc jockey, executive staff at a radio station, concert promoter, and legal consultant to independent record labels. He also enjoys instructing high-performance driving techniques, playing tennis, and working in his garage.

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Georgia

Recognitions

- *The Legal 500 United States: IPT 2020*: 'Our TM portfolio team leader at DLA, Ryan Compton, consistently staffs projects with a very diverse group and at a wide variety of billing rates to add value where possible. 'He consistently manages a significant number of local counsel with very little oversight and almost no administrative effort as the client. Ryan makes the extra effort to understand how to best communicate with our legal team and is available 24x7. Even when matters may not be anywhere close to the most "important" task on his plate that day, Ryan always makes us feel like a priority.'
- *The Legal 500 United States, Trademarks: Non-Contentions (including Prosecution, Portfolio Management and Licensing)*, 2019
 - High-profile clients include Nike, Al Jazeera, ESPN and also Dr Seuss Enterprises, which Ryan Compton advises on prosecution, licensing and enforcement issues.
- The World's Leading Trademark Professionals, *World Trademark Review 1000*, 2020
 - Of counsel Ryan Compton has "vast experience and is fast and efficient in US trademark prosecution". He is rigorous on portfolio management and has finely honed licensing skills.
- Client Choice Awards Recipient, 2018

Education

- J.D., Emory University School of Law 2003
Emory International Law Review, Executive Managing Editor
ABA/BNA Award for Excellence in the Study of Intellectual Property
- B.S., Vanderbilt University 2000

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- District of Columbia Bar Association, Intellectual Property Law Section
- State Bar of Georgia
- International Trademark Association

INSIGHTS

Publications

Pink bubble wrap and zip ties! Attempts to expand non-traditional trademarks as source indicators

30 April 2020

It is becoming increasingly difficult to create a brand that stands out in the fast-paced beauty and fashion industries.

The Music Modernization Act: stronger protections for artists and publishers

21 DEC 2018

The MMA revamps the Copyright Act in three major aspects.

The new gTLDs and the Trademark Clearinghouse: four tips for brand owners

4 JUN 2013

Your own dot com: ICANN announces new GTLD rollout

22 Mar 2011

NEWS

DLA Piper advises Protenus in US\$17 million Series C financing

23 August 2019

DLA Piper represented Protenus, a Baltimore-based healthcare compliance analytics company, in its US\$17 million Series C financing.

DLA Piper advises The Compliance Group in its sale to LineStar Integrity Services

30 July 2019

DLA Piper represented The Compliance Group in its sale to LineStar Integrity Services.

29 DLA Piper lawyers in 10 countries ranked among *The World's Leading Trademark Professionals*

12 FEB 2019

WTR 1000: The World's Leading Trademark Professionals 2018 has named 29 DLA Piper lawyers from nine countries to its list of top trademark professionals.

PRO BONO

Mr. Compton works with a significant number of non-profit entities, small to large, to help them with their intellectual property needs, as well as acting as outside counsel for several of them. In addition, Mr. Compton serves on the boards of Critical Exposure, which trains DC youth to harness the power of photography and their own voices to fight for educational equality and social justice, and Audi Club North America, which focuses on driver education and training. He also previously sat on the D.C. Bar Pro Bono Committee.