

James R. Nuttall

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Though not even 40, James Nuttall has achieved what most intellectual property attorneys will not accomplish during their entire careers. An attorney with Chicago's McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Nuttall has thrived in the often competitive field of intellectual property law, and has crafted a reputation as one of the top such lawyers in the city.

His peers say that Nuttall has long shown an affinity for the unique area of law that is intellectual property litigation. They point to his quick thinking, his effective and respectful cross-examination of witnesses, his ability to remain calm during even the most stressful situations, and his honesty and dedication as reasons for his success.

"Jay is very methodical and low-key, and always respectful of each witness," said N. Elton Dry, with the Houston law firm of Dry & Tassin, PLLC. "I was extremely impressed by his preparation, knowledge of the law and the facts and his demeanor before the judge and jury."

During his career, Nuttall has turned in several noteworthy court appearances. In Genlyte Thomas Group, LLC vs. NSI, a patent infringement case involving lighting fixture technologies, Nuttall helped his client gain an \$8 million settlement. Nuttall briefed, argued and obtained orders of summary judgment on several issues during the case, including those centering on patent infringement, patent validity and patent enforceability. He also successfully fended off the counterclaims of Genlyte's opponent relating to Lanham Act and patent claims.

Nuttall also shone during Southern Clay Prods. vs. United Catalysts, Inc., a patent infringement case involving chemical processing technology. Despite dealing with an extremely complex subject matter and myriad defenses mounted by the defendant, Nuttall and his colleagues obtained a

\$78 million judgment following a three-week jury trial. This success garnered headlines as it represented one of the largest patent damages awards in history.

Victories such as these have cemented Nuttall's reputation in the field of intellectual property law.

"Jay Nuttall is a genuine asset to the entire legal profession, and has brought much to the specialty field of intellectual property law," said Matthew G. McAndrews, an attorney with the Chicago law firm of Niro, Scavone, Haller & Niro. "In light of Jay's skills and proven successes as an advocate and counselor, his passion for the work we do as lawyers and his commitment and contribution to the community in general, he is truly among the 40 Illinois attorneys under 40 to watch."

Outside the courtroom, Nuttall has also made his mark. He is a mentor for Big Brothers and Big Sisters of DuPage County and a volunteer with Sharing Connections, a nonprofit organization that provides assistance to low-income families. He is also a member of the Intellectual Property Owners Litigation Committee.

It is as an intellectual property specialist, though, that Nuttall has earned his most significant achievements. His peers don't expect this to change.

"Jay's ability to clearly define and articulate complex legal and technical issues is excellent, especially for such a young attorney," said Daniel R. Fuller, vice president and general counsel for Genlyte Group in Louisville. "Jay also works extremely hard, and is always well prepared. Jay consistently and successfully litigates against well-known high-profile attorneys who have been practicing many more years than has he, and yet he remains unflappable even under stress."



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