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Topher is a Patent Agent within Marshall Gerstein's Industrial & Mechanical Technologies Practice Group. He has experience drafting office action responses and claim amendments, conducting freedom-to-operate and patentability searches and communicating results to clients, and preparing and analyzing utility and design patent applications.

In his free time, Topher enjoys golfing, participating in local recreational sports leagues, and trying out different Chicago breweries. He is a big fan of the English soccer club Chelsea and the Chicago Cubs, and has always had an interest in anything aerospace-related.

Practices

- Patent Prosecution

Industries

- Industrial & Mechanical Technologies

Background and Credentials

Topher is currently in law school at the Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law with an expected graduation date of May 2025. At Northwestern, Topher is the former Co-President of the Intellectual Property Law Society and the current Managing Notes Editor of the Northwestern Journal of Technology and Intellectual Property. Prior to law school, he received his Bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering from the University of Notre Dame.

Topher joined Marshall Gerstein as a Summer Associate in 2023.

Education

- Northwestern University School of Law (J.D.)
 - Expected graduation May 2025
- University of Notre Dame (B.S.E.)
 - Aerospace Engineering

Community and Professional Involvement

- The Richard Linn American Inn of Court - Pupil

Publications and Presentations

- "International Agreements are Key for Safe Nuclear Waste Disposal." Law 360, October 8, 2024.
- "How Patents Power the Future of Sustainable Sports Products." *Sports Business Journal*, October 3, 2024.

Insights

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