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Connor is an attorney in the Intellectual Property Department of Foley & Lardner LLP, based in the firm's Milwaukee office. He is a member of the Mechanical & Electromechanical Technologies Practice Group, specializing in a wide range of mechanical, electromechanical, and software-related technologies.

Connor has extensive experience with technologies including building control systems, heavy equipment, plumbing products, exercise equipment, automotive technologies, consumer products, and web-based applications.

Connor's practice includes counseling on enforcing and protecting patent rights, including pre-litigation enforcement efforts as a member of several litigation teams. Connor has also worked directly with in-house counsel and engineering design teams to identify potential infringement risks and develop alternative designs.

Before joining Foley, Connor worked for the Ohio State University Technology Commercialization Office, bridging the gap between academic research and commercial products. Working closely with inventors and outside counsel, he helped guide technologies from conception to licensing.

Connor studied at the University of Colorado College of Engineering & Applied Science (B.S. civil engineering) and The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, where he earned several CALI awards, including those in patent prosecution and trademarks.

Sectors

- Automotive
- Energy & Infrastructure
- Manufacturing

Practice Areas

Intellectual Property

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Education

- Ohio State University Moritz College of Law (J.D., magna cum laude, 2020)
 - Winner, CALI Excellence for the Future Award: Trademarks, Patent Prosecution, U.S. Supreme Court, Wills Trust and Estates
 - Recipient, Dean's List
- University of Colorado at Boulder College of Engineering and Applied Science (B.S., 2016)
 - Civil Engineering
 - Recipient, Dean's List
 - College of engineering representative, CU Student Government

Admissions

- Wisconsin
- USPTO

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