

Patents

Our clients come to us to patent their most valuable innovations because we recognize that not all patents are created equal. Only well-drafted patent claims will hold up in court. Our goal is not simply to obtain patents for our clients, but to obtain valuable, litigation-ready patents that provide strong and broad protection.

We assist clients of all sizes—from startup enterprises to expanding corporations to multinational conglomerates—and work closely with our clients' engineers, product developers, and business teams to develop optimal patent portfolio strategies.

We work with clients to strategically plan and manage patent portfolios through filing and prosecuting patents worldwide. We perform patentability searches; draft and file patent applications globally; perform infringement and validity analyses and freedom-to-operate investigations; and negotiate and draft license agreements, joint development agreements, technology transfer agreements and non-disclosure agreements.

Our patent team includes attorneys and patent agents who are engineers and scientists as well as former U.S. Patent and Trademark Office examiners.

Known for our global patent preparation and prosecution expertise in the mechanical and electrical arts and our experience and business approach to negotiating and drafting IP transactions, our IP attorneys are not just engineers; they are also business lawyers with a vast amount of experience in patent and trademark protection and attorneys with backgrounds in a wide array of engineering disciplines.

Representative Matters

Our goal is not necessarily to build the largest portfolio, but to build the most effective and efficient portfolio that best fits the client's strategic plan. We have deployed this strategy successfully for clients, nationally and internationally, across a wide range of industries including:

- Aerospace
- Agriculture
- Automotive (including autonomous and connected vehicles)
- Computer (software and hardware—including integrated circuit design and fabrication)
- Construction
- Consumer Products
- E-Commerce and Internet Technologies
- Energy (including alternative or "green" energy)
- Financial Services
- Health Care (including pharmaceuticals as well as medical/dental devices)
- Industry/Manufacturing/Machinery
- Laser Projection Systems

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- Packaging
- Polymers
- Telecommunications

Our team has broad-based experience that helps clients not only to obtain patents (through application filings or via acquisition) but also to realize value from those patents through licensing and enforcement. Our patent team provides a broad range of domestic and international services including:

- Performing patentability searches and analyses
- Drafting, filing and prosecuting patent applications with patent offices around the world
- Maintaining patents and patent portfolios nationally and globally, from issuance to expiration
- Conducting complex freedom-to-operate investigations for new and existing products to ensure that the manufacturer can avoid conflicts with competitor patents
- Performing infringement analyses
- Performing validity searches and analyses
- Drafting opinions from our patentability, infringement, and validity analyses
- Drafting and negotiating domestic and international licensing agreements
- Drafting and negotiating Joint Development Agreements and Non-Disclosure Agreements

Representative matters include:

- Drafting, prosecuting and managing hundreds of patents for global protection of a Tier 1 multi-billion-dollar supplier of automotive seat assemblies and components
- Drafting, prosecuting and managing the patents and trademarks for the global protection of a global Tier 1 automotive powertrain components supplier
- Drafting, prosecuting and managing the patents and trademarks for the protection of global brands for a manufacturer of agricultural harvesting equipment, as well as drafting and negotiating confidentiality, joint development, supply and production agreements relating to the company's products and intellectual property
- Drafting, prosecuting and managing hundreds of patents for a global manufacturer of wiper blades
- Developed and implemented strategy for aerospace laser projection systems for use as an assembly aid providing significant reduction in manufacturing cycle times; expedited patent prosecution due to infringing knock-offs and filed multiple infringement lawsuits during pandemic shut-down
- Secured multiple patents within six months of filing protecting emerging ultraviolet light technology useful for eradicating COVID-19 and other pathogens