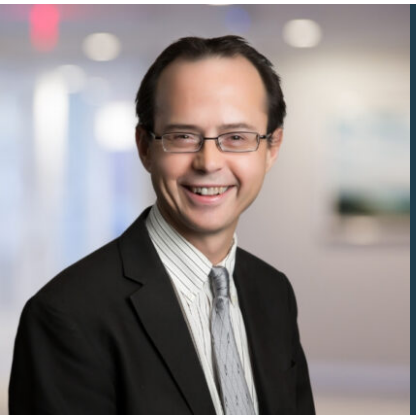


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Focus Areas

Intellectual Property

- IP Counseling
- Post Grant Proceedings

Recognition

- "Patent Star" by *Managing Intellectual Property* (2016-2026)
- "Top Ten Intellectual Property Lawyers Influencing Nanotechnology" by *Nanotechnology Law and Business* (2008)

Representative Engagements

- Ongoing representation of large medical imaging and diagnostics company with respect to IP protection and strategic partnerships.
- Development of patent portfolios for start-ups, venture-backed companies, public companies, and research institutions.
- Advising clients in patent reexaminations, oppositions, and pre-litigation strategies.
- Advising clients in joint development agreements and IP licensing issues.
- Performing IP diligence for clients seeking investor financing.
- Performing IP diligence for inventors interested in technology companies.

Publications and Presentations

- "101 Update & Industry Perspectives – Diagnostics & Bioinformatics," *moderator,* BIO IPCC Fall Conference, November 2016.
- "Using Post-Grant Proceedings to Challenge Pharma Patents," *author, IP Law360.*
- "A Push by the USPTO for Faster Patent Processing," *author, IP Law360.*
- "Walking the Line: Advice for Patent Agents on Interacting with Clients without Direct Attorney Supervision," *panelist,* Boston Patent Law Association Seminar, Boston.
- "Clean Energy Fellowship Program," *panelist,* New England Clean Energy Council, Boston.

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- "Strategic Choices in Nanotech Funding and IP Protection," *moderator,* Nano Science and Technology Institute Conference, Boston.
- "Nanotechnology: Strategies for Securing and Protecting Patents and Copyrights," *panelist,* Strafford Publications CLE Teleconference.
- "Nanotech Patents: Tips for Getting the Patent Protection You Need," *co-author and presenter,* Nano Science and Technology Institute Conference, Santa Clara.
- "Getting a Handle on the Software Patent Explosion," *author, IPFrontline*, *Patent Strategy and Management*.

Education & Credentials

- University of North Carolina School of Law, JD (2001) *cum laude*
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology, PhD (1993) *Chemical Engineering*, MS (1991)
- University of South Carolina, BS (1989)

Admissions

- Massachusetts
- U.S. Patent & Trademark Office