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1. DOES YOUR FIRM HAVE THE TECHNICAL EXPERTISE NECESSARY TO HANDLE OUR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY WORK?

All of our attorneys are handpicked for their degrees in engineering, chemistry, biology, physics, metallurgy, ceramics and other technical specialties in addition to their law degrees. Collectively we provide a breadth and depth of experience to serve clients in diverse industries with specialized needs. Our niche experience and broad experience base enables us to provide quick and efficient service without the need for costly time spent getting to know your industry.

Below is a list of the technical degrees held by the Firm's attorneys:

- Aeronautical Engineering
- Automotive Engineering
- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Ceramic Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Chemistry
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Science
- Electrical Engineering

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- Mathematics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Metallurgical Engineering
- Organic Chemistry
- Physics

For a more complete list of technical specialties and expertise, please check our [attorney profiles](#).

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2. WHAT TYPE OF SPECIALIZED CAPABILITIES DOES YOUR FIRM HAVE FOR HANDLING OUR COMPANY'S INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY THAT GENERAL PRACTICE FIRMS MAY NOT OFFER?

We have a number of specialized departments adapted for enabling us to offer the highest level of service exclusively in the intellectual property field. Our formalities department receives and processes all incoming and outgoing communications both nationally and internationally to ensure that all of the proper procedures are followed. Additionally, we participate in electronic filing of all papers where possible to achieve the maximum cost-savings to our clients.

Our docketing department utilizes the latest software tailored to our intellectual property practice to ensure that every necessary action is properly docketed and fulfilled. For example, our software will track each reference submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement for a patent family so that we may accurately disclose art cited from any international family members and avoid any potential pitfalls in the law.

Our foreign filing department maintains a relationship with a vast foreign associate network made up of the best and most trusted firms in nearly every country around the world. This enables us to serve all of your company's intellectual property needs on a global level.

All of our legal assistants are specifically trained in intellectual property law kept up to date on changes in the law so that they understand our specialized practice area. We also maintain a robust system of checklists which are designed to ensure the completeness and accuracy of each filing we undertake.

3. CAN YOUR FIRM HELP ME IN STAYING UP TO DATE ON U.S. IP LAW?

Yes. We offer a quarterly newsletter which will provide highlights of recent developments in U.S. IP law. [Click here to sign-up.](#) In

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addition, our blog (here) provides information on the latest developments as well as our own best practices.

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4. DOES YOUR FIRM HANDLE IP ENFORCEMENT?

Yes. We offer a full range of litigation services, including representation at administrative proceedings before the USPTO, the International Trade Commission and other governmental agencies, litigation in state and federal trial courts and appellate courts, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

You can be assured that all of our attorneys handling the litigation will be registered to practice before the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office (USPTO). While many "full service" law firms claim to have intellectual property litigation departments, they are often staffed with general trial attorneys and one or two "consulting" patent attorneys.

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5. DOES YOUR FIRM OFFER ANY PERIODIC REPORTING ON THE STATUS OF OUR MATTERS?

We provide many of our clients with customized reports showing the status of all the matters we are handling on their behalf. These reports are typically generated on a monthly basis, but they can be provided more or less frequently if desired. Our status reports can be customized to meet a requested format or to include whatever information you might require. To view sample reports, click here.

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6. CAN YOUR FIRM PROVIDE DETAILED AND ITEMIZED BILLING?

We bill on a monthly basis, with all bills and billing entries broken down by matter. We can also further itemize billing entries based upon the type of work performed if desired.

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7. CAN YOUR FIRM PROVIDE ELECTRONIC BILLING IN A SPECIFIED FORMAT?

Yes, we are currently sending electronic bills to many of our larger clients and can configure our billing system to send electronic bills which meet your needs.

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