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Chris Swickhamer has extensive patent prosecution experience, with a particular focus on the electrical and computer-related arts for clients with complex technology.

During his career in private practice he has led programs to harvest inventions from inventors, counseled clients on which inventions to pursue patent protection, and drafted and prosecuted patent applications to issuance in the U.S. and major foreign patent offices, including in Japan, Europe, China, and Canada.

Chris formerly worked as a patent examiner with the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office (PTO) where he examined patent applications in Multiplex Communications. He has also held associate positions at law firms Loeb & Loeb LLP, and Banner & Witcoff, Ltd.

PRACTICES

Intellectual Property
Patent Prosecution, Counseling and Opinions
IP Litigation

EDUCATION

George Mason University School of Law, J.D., 2008

University of Wisconsin, M.S., 2002
Electrical Engineering

University of Wisconsin, B.S., 2000
Electrical Engineering

BAR ADMISSIONS

Colorado
Illinois
United States Patent and Trademark Office

EXPERIENCE

Preparation and Prosecution

- Domestic and international patent preparation and prosecution
- Standards-related patents

Opinions and Counseling

- Patent infringement counseling and opinions
- Patent validity analysis and opinions
- Product patent clearance counseling and opinions

Patent Licensing and Due Diligence

- Strategic patent acquisitions
- IP due diligence

Pre-litigation and Litigation Strategies

- Inter Partes Review (IPRs)
- Pre-litigation strategies
- Pre-suit patent infringement investigations

TECHNOLOGIES

Electrical/Electronic/Computer Science

Wireless telecommunications, standards-based technologies, networks, computers, electronic trading platforms, data analytics, search engines, social networking, secure wallet technology, cryptography, circuits, hard

drives, control systems, and electronic payment systems

PUBLICATIONS

"International Prosecution Strategy after Therasense: What You Need to Know Now," *Bloomberg Law Reports, Intellectual Property*, August 1, 2011

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"Fundamentals of Patent Prosecution 2015: A Boot Camp for Claim Drafting & Amendment Writing," *Practising Law Institute*, May 12-14, 2015

RECOGNITION

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