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PRACTICES

Patent Preparation, Prosecution, and Counseling
Intellectual Property

EDUCATION

Indiana University Maurer School of Law, J.D., 2014

Brigham Young University, B.S., 2011
Electrical Engineering

BAR ADMISSIONS

Utah
United States Patent and Trademark Office

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Ian Clouse guides clients through the complex interplay between patents and real-world business.

He has robust technical experience with semiconductor circuits and fabrication, memory technologies, telecommunications, electrical hardware, materials, digital and analog circuits, artificial intelligence and machine learning, software, cryptocurrency and blockchain, sensor networks optics, home automation, radiation mitigation technology, outdoor equipment, mechanical systems, and more. He also has experience working with various medical device technologies including orthopedic implants, power tools, turbine engines, vehicle-based systems, acoustic control systems, semantic reasoning, controller technologies, enclosure technologies, and mixed-sample gene analysis.

Ian counsels clients on the intersection between industry standards and patents, patent infringement, validity analysis, non-infringement/invalidity opinions, and freedom-to-operate opinions.

EXPERIENCE

Technologies

Orthopedic implants, surgical instruments, memory devices, optical devices, wireless communication systems, home automation systems, hunting equipment, nano-structures, techniques of implementing semantic reasoning, acoustic controls, power-management for circuits, software solutions to various problems, data storage devices, communication systems, standards-based technologies, virtual reality systems, pest control, DNA analysis, vehicle systems, power tools, gas turbine engines, and hospital equipment.

Preparation and Prosecution

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

Opinions and Counseling

- Patent infringement and validity analysis
- Non-infringement/invalidity opinions
- Product design counseling

Patent Licensing and Due Diligence

- Strategic patent acquisitions

- Product clearances
- IP due diligence

PUBLICATIONS

"Beyond The Hype: Strategic Responses to USPTO's AI-Enhanced Patent Examination," *IAM*, September 5, 2025

"Patents and Standards: Practice, Policy, and Enforcement," *AIPLA/BNA Treatise, Chapter Contributor*, 2018

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"Intellectual Property and Generative AI," *Holland & Hart 2024 CLE Program for In-House Counsel*, May 21, 2024

RECOGNITION

- *The Best Lawyers in America*® Patent Law, 2026, 2027
- *Legal 500 US City Elite* - Utah, Intellectual Property, 2026
- *IAM Patent 1000* – The World's Leading Patent Practitioners, Prosecution – Recommended, 2024-2026
- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America*®, Intellectual Property Law, 2022-2025
- Mountain States Super Lawyers® Rising Stars, Intellectual Property, 2022-2024
- *Utah Business Magazine*, Utah Legal Elite, Up & Coming, 2020