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Main Bio

Jim Johnson is a registered U.S. patent attorney with 30 years of experience in the intellectual property field. He focuses on protecting clients' technology-based assets, including counseling with regard to both offensive and defensive positioning considerations. Jim assists startup ventures by extensively searching and analyzing third-party patent positions. He drafts, files and prosecutes patent applications to establish a patent portfolio that can facilitate the development of business relationships with more established entities or posture the startup venture for acquisition.

Jim also has significant experience with drafting, filing and prosecuting patent applications for clients with longstanding and substantial patent portfolios. Freedom-to-operate work, patent infringement/patent validity analysis and opinion work, and technology agreements round out Jim's practice.

Throughout his career, Jim has worked with a variety of industries and technologies, including power injectors for medical imaging applications, computer disk drives, microelectromechanical devices and related processing, aerospace systems/devices, orthodontic appliances, air bag inflators, can design/production, and extracorporeal blood processing systems.

Education

- University of North Dakota School of Law (J.D., 1989)
 - Order of the Coif
 - North Dakota Law Review, Editor-in-Chief
- University of North Dakota (B.S.M.E, Mechanical Engineering, 1984)
 - Engineer-in-Training Certification

Representative Presentations & Publications

- "Patent Protection Issues on Computer-Related Inventions," Covidien Worldwide IP Attorney Meeting, New York, NY (November 2009)

Other Professional Experience

- Marsh Fischmann & Breyfogle LLP, Partner (2000-2019)
 - Managing Partner (2009-2011)
- Holme Roberts & Owen LLP, Special Counsel (1999-2000)

- TMA Ventures, Outside Counsel (1997-1999)
- Sheridan Ross P.C., Shareholder (1996-1997)
 - Associate (1989-1995)
- Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Engineer (1984-1986)

Bar Admissions

- Colorado
- United States Patent and Trademark Office

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of Colorado