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Practice: Intellectual property counsel with more than thirteen years of experience counseling clients across a wide range of technologies in the mechanical arts.

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor 1996, Northern Illinois University, *Magna Cum Laude*

Bachelor of Science Mechanical Engineering 1991, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign

BAR ADMISSIONS

United States Patent and Trademark Office

State of Minnesota

State of Illinois

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Viksnins, Harris, & Padys PLLP, 2010 – present

Counsel clients regarding Intellectual Property matters. Prepare and prosecute US and International patent applications in the mechanical arts. Draft and negotiate license agreements, conduct due diligence investigation, and prepare patent-related legal opinions.

Schwegman, Lundberg, & Woessner, P.A., 1996 – 2010

Shareholder, 2004 -2010. Counseling clients of varying sizes, legal, and technical needs, and supervising associates. Drafting and negotiating license agreements, and conducting due diligence investigations. Patent drafting and prosecution experience including drafting over 300 patent applications and responding to hundreds of Office Actions in the following technology areas: medical device, sensor, manufacturing processes, electronic packaging, oil technology, and green technology.

Honeywell Inc. Micro Switch Div., 1991 – 1993

Design Engineer. Design industrial sensors, including coordinating implementation of concepts through all phases of development. Develop design, technical drawings, manufacturing processes, quality assurance, prototype testing, and mold designs; work with suppliers and other sources to solve specific technical requirements.

ACTIVITIES

Minnesota Intellectual Property Law Association

Executive Board Member, 2003 – 2008: Secretary (2003 – 2004), Treasurer (2004 – 2005); Vice President (2005 – 2006); President (2006 – 2007), Immediate Past President (2007 – 2008).