



PATENTS

Patent protection is a fundamental component of any business that relies on innovation, research, and development. Your patent must effectively describe your innovation, differentiate it from prior art, and have claims of sufficient scope to provide meaningful protection for your invention. These goals are best achieved with the help of insightful legal counsel, who can interact knowledgeably with inventors regarding the science or technology employed in their invention and who can effectively guide inventors through the rigors of the patent process.

The patent process is complex. What distinguishes Hamilton Brook Smith Reynolds from others is the depth of our scientific and technological knowledge, the creativity of our professionals, and our commitment to understanding your business goals. We are committed to help you obtain the high-quality patent protection necessary for the growth and success of your business. Our attorneys counsel Fortune 500 companies, middle-market companies, start-ups, and individual inventors. We also have a long history of working with research departments at universities and fully understand challenges unique to those settings. Our long-term client relationships speak to our superior technical knowledge and excellence in patent prosecution.

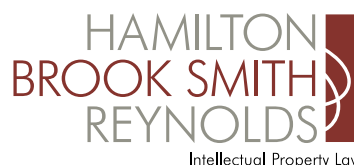
Innovations in technology and the life sciences are constant, and our attorneys' technical background supports these fast-changing developments. Our clients describe our patent prosecution teams as the ones who can work with the most complicated patents, and they rely on us to protect their development at every stage of their business.

In addition to obtaining patent protection for our clients in the United States, we work with foreign attorneys worldwide to prosecute and obtain foreign patent rights, oppose foreign patents, and defend foreign patents in opposition proceedings.

Our patent services include:

- U.S. and international patent prosecution
- Due-diligence studies
- Opinions on infringement, validity, enforcement, inventorship, and freedom-to-operate
- Administrative proceedings, including interferences at the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and oppositions in other countries

Our attorneys differentiate themselves by providing long-term patent counsel versus short-term patent processing. We want to understand your business, your product/service development goals, and the long-range outlook for viability in the marketplace. We make it a priority to know your business goals before outlining any patent strategy.





PATENTS

Following are some of the technology areas we cover for patent prosecution:

- Bioinformatics
- Biologics and immunotherapeutics
- Biotechnology and life sciences
- Business methods
- Chemical engineering
- Chemistry
- Clean technology
- Computer hardware
- Computer software
- Material sciences
- Mechanical engineering
- Medical devices
- Medical imaging
- Network infrastructure
- Optics
- Pharmaceuticals
- Robotics
- Telecommunications