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Intellectual Property Law

PRACTICE AREAS

- Patents
- Design Patents
- Trademarks
- Post-Grant Proceedings
- Trademark Opposition and Cancellation Proceedings
- Counseling
- Agreements
- Licensing
- IP Litigation
- Trade Secrets
- Copyrights
- Open Source Software Counseling
- Domain Name Legal Services

TECHNOLOGIES

- Telecommunications
- Electrical Engineering
- Hardware
- Software
- Mobile
- Network Infrastructure
- Autonomous Vehicles
- Internet of Things
- Business Methods
- Semiconductors
- Clean Technology
- Optics & Photonics
- Robotics
- Medical Imaging
- Medical Devices
- Mechanical Engineering
- Biotechnology & Life Sciences
- Artificial Intelligence
- Blockchain

For over 30 years, Tim has assisted clients with patent preparation and prosecution, due diligence, and portfolio management.

He has handled contested matters before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, including post-grant proceedings such as inter partes reviews (IPRs) before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) and trademark oppositions before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (TTAB).

Tim has drafted and prosecuted patent applications in diverse technical fields, including:

- Voice over IP networks
- Security processors
- Voice and data mobile roaming
- Autonomous vehicles
- Machine learning
- Optical networks and devices
- Video streaming
- Videoconferencing
- Image processing
- Cybersecurity
- Medical devices
- Holographic data storage
- Laser devices
- Solar energy systems
- Sonar systems
- Blockchain

Tim also advises clients on open source software and OpenChain compliance, open source patent issues, and developing and implementing corporate policies on use of open source software.

Prior to joining the firm, Tim held engineering, product management, and sales positions at AT&T Bell Laboratories, AT&T Network Systems, and Bellcore.

EDUCATION

- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, B.S. in Electrical Engineering, cum laude
- Stanford University, M.S. in Operations Research
- Suffolk University Law School, J.D., *cum laude*

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- International Trademark Association
- The New England Section of Optica

BAR ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
- Massachusetts
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

CERTIFICATIONS

- Black Duck Certified Open Source Legal Professional

Tim has served as a judge for both the MassChallenge accelerator program and the LES Foundation's International Business Plan Competition, and as a mentor for the MIT Enterprise Forum Mentor Smart program. Tim has also been an Adjunct Professor of Patent Law at the University of New Hampshire (formerly Franklin Pierce) Law Center for Intellectual Property. Since 2024, Tim was recognized by Super Lawyers®, a rating of outstanding lawyers who have attained a high-degree of peer recognition and professional achievement.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Developed and expanded a major portfolio of patent applications for a fabless semiconductor company.
- Prosecuted a large portfolio of patent applications for a major European telecommunications company.
- Prosecuted a significant portfolio of patent applications for a peer-to-peer networking company.
- Oversaw due diligence of a patent portfolio for an acquisition by a major multinational electronics company.
- Successfully represented a large computer software company in resolving several domain name disputes.
- Successfully represented a startup company in a trademark cancellation proceeding.

PUBLICATIONS

- *Digital Image Creation Using AI Risks Copyright Infringement*, Bloomberg Law, September 16, 2024
- *Noncompete Ban Turns Patents, Copyrights Into Corporate Shields*, Bloomberg Law, May 29, 2024

IP NEWS ALERTS

- USPTO to Launch SPARK Pilot Program to Strengthen U.S. Standards Development Leadership, January 2026
- USPTO Launches Automated Search Pilot Program to Provide Early Prior Art Insights, October 2025
- Implementation of the Trademark Modernization Act of 2020, January 6, 2022
- Supreme Court Limits Copyright Protection for Software, April 8, 2021
- Justices Say Willfulness Not Needed For Trademark Profits, April 24, 2020

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- “Podcast Recording: Startup Story: SweatWorks,” MIT Enterprise Forum of Cambridge Podcast, March 5, 2021
- “Post-Grant Review - An Increasingly Important Tool for Challenging Competitors’ Patents,” Hamilton Brook Smith Reynolds Webcast, November 9, 2016