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# PRACTICE AREAS

- Patents
- Counseling
- Post-Grant Proceedings
- **Design Patents**

### **TECHNOLOGIES**

- **Electrical Engineering**
- Mechanical Engineering
- **Medical Devices**
- Telecommunications
- Network Infrastructure
- Optics and Photonics
- Robotics
- Computer Hardware
- Semiconductors
- Computer Software
- Medical Imaging
- Mobile
- Internet of Things
- Clean Technology

### **EDUCATION**

- Old Dominion University, B.S. in Electrical Engineering, cum laude
- Georgetown University Law Center, J.D.

Jim is a co-founder of Hamilton Brook Smith Reynolds. For more than 40 years, Jim has helped universities, start-ups and emerging companies, small companies, and mid-sized corporations obtain, expand, and protect intellectual property rights.

Jim has devoted his career to the practice of intellectual property law with particular focus on patent prosecution and post-grant proceedings, portfolio strategy and counseling, due diligence studies, opinions, freedom to operate studies and intellectual property litigation support.

Jim assists clients in the electronics, computer science, communications, physical science and various engineering fields including electrical, biomedical and mechanical engineering. With regards to complex electronic and computer software advancements, Jim works in the areas of analog and digital circuits, network routers and algorithms, wireless communications, memory devices and systems, power supplies, speech processing and business applications.

Jim's practice offers equal expertise in the physical sciences including medical devices, infrared and electromagnetic sensors, electro-mechanical drives, lasers, cryotechnology, and optics.

Jim is a Martindale-Hubbell featured AV Peer Review rated lawyer. Since 2015, he has received distinction in The Best Lawyers in America® for his expertise in Patent Law. In 2022, Jim was recognized by Best Lawyers® as the 2023 "Lawyer of the Year" for Boston Patent Law. Only a single lawyer in each practice area and designated metropolitan area is honored as the "Lawyer of the Year." For 18 years (2004-2022), Jim was named to Super Lawyers, a rating of outstanding lawyers who have attained a high-degree of peer recognition and professional achievement.

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# PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- American Bar Association
- Boston Intellectual Property Law Association
- Massachusetts Bar Association

### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

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

# **ARTICLES**

- Supreme Court's Recent Non-Action on Patent-Eligible Subject Matter, March 2, 2020
- Foreign Filing License Requirements in the United States and Abroad, Hamilton Brook Smith Reynolds, August 10, 2018
- Battling Infringement, Nature Biotechnology, January 2011
- When to Choose Trade Secret Protection Over a Patent, IAM magazine, January 2011

# **IP NEWS ALERTS**

 PTO Issues Final Rules to Implement Declaration Provisions of AIA, Hamilton Brook Smith Reynolds Alert, August 21, 2012

### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

 "Effectively Managing and Protecting Your Company's Intellectual Property," New England Corporate Counsel Association, June 3, 2009