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Joe practices intellectual property law with an emphasis on patent related matters. His litigation experiences include developing and implementing litigation strategies, drafting and arguing motions, preparing pleadings, coordinating discovery, and conducting infringement, validity, and enforceability analyses. Joe's transactional and prosecution related experiences include preparing patent applications, preparing responses to Office Actions, conducting examiner interviews, preparing appeal briefs, analyzing patentability and clearance issues, and general intellectual property counseling. Joe uses his litigation expertise in the preparation and prosecution of patents that can be licensed or otherwise enforced. Through his transactional and prosecution practice, Joe has developed an in-depth and practical understanding of the patent laws, rules, and United States Patent Office procedures, which he routinely employs in patent litigation.

Joe has worked with solo inventors as well as large clients including 3M, Microsoft, Motorola, Honda, Donaldson Company, ADC Telecommunications, Red Wing Shoe Company, and Rudolph Technologies. Before attending law school, Joe worked as a design and process engineer at a plastics manufacturing company. Joe also has experience with the design of biomedical tools, automotive and motorcycle components, water management systems, and heating and cooling systems. Outside of the office, Joe enjoys rock climbing, backpacking, canoeing, snowboarding, motorcycling, and traveling.

Education

University of Minnesota
B.S.M.E.
Highest Distinction

University of Minnesota Law School
J.D.
Walter J. Troegner Scholar, Full merit scholarship

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Bar Admissions

Minnesota State Bar, 2003
U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota, 2003
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 2005

Professional Affiliations

American Bar Association
Federal Bar Association
Hennepin County Bar Association
Intellectual Property Owners Association

Selected Articles Authored

Bite Your Tongue – Too Much Information Can Threaten a Patent
Co-authored with Daniel McDonald, Executive Counsel – Nov/Dec 2009

Early Assessment Can Streamline Patent Litigation
Co-authored with Daniel McDonald, Upsize Magazine - May 2008

Beyond Rule 11: The Case For Full Early Assessment
Co-authored with Daniel McDonald, IP Law 360 - December 4, 2007

Selected Presentations

The Latest on *In Re Seagate*: Are Courts Restricting Plaintiffs' Allegations of Willful Infringement?
Minnesota Continuing Legal Education Seminar: Patent Enforcement & Defense.

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Recent Cases

August Technology Corporation and Rudolph Technologies, Inc., v. Camtek Ltd., (D. Minn. 2009),
representing Plaintiffs, won a complete jury verdict for 8 million in lost profits and an injunction against
Defendant. Defeated Defendant's non-infringement, invalidity, and inequitable conduct defenses.

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