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OVERVIEW

Leveraging enthusiasm and understanding of law, engineering, and innovation, Sam collaborates with clients to protect and leverage their groundbreaking ideas.

Beginning as a technical aide in an entry-level engineering position, Sam's initial career path was focused on the intricacies of the healthcare industry at 3M. While passionate about engineering, Sam discovered a preference for legal aspects and supporting inventors.

Sam is particularly enthusiastic about being on the cutting edge of technology, navigating the dynamic landscape of patent prosecution. His role involves regular interaction with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, where he obtains patents and evaluates client portfolios. While primarily focused on patent prosecution, Sam also has experience with patent litigation, trademark, and copyright matters.

His client experience ranges from solo inventors and entrepreneurs to startup companies and large corporations. Sam takes pride in counseling individuals having varying degrees of familiarity with the foreign and domestic patent systems, demonstrating a versatile skill set.

Sam prides himself on being an attorney who is personable and approachable. Known for thinking critically and getting it right the first time, Sam is a trusted advocate for clients navigating the complex intersection of law and technology.

Services

Copyrights

Intellectual Property

Intellectual Property Counseling

Patent Preparation & Prosecution

Trademarks

Experience

- Worked with clients on a variety of intellectual property issues including patents, trademarks, copyrights, and contractual agreements.
- Drafted patent applications in a variety of technical fields, including medical devices, mechanical devices, electromechanical devices, and software-related applications.
- Managed patent portfolios in a timely manner, including tracking deadlines, managing incoming invention disclosure statements, and corresponding with domestic and international patent offices.
- Provided opinions and reviewing issues relating to patent validity, infringement, and freedom-to-operate.
- Collaborated with cross-functional teams, including engineers and business stakeholders, to align patent strategy with business goals.
- Drafted and reviewed legal documents, including contracts, pleadings, and motions.

Education

- J.D., Mitchell Hamline School of Law
 - *magna cum laude*
 - Dean's List
- B.S., University of Minnesota

Admissions

- Minnesota
- North Dakota

Community Leadership

- Children's Law Center, volunteer attorney



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