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Takuma Nishimura is an associate in the Intellectual Property Practice Group in the firm's San Diego (Del Mar) office.

Areas of Practice

Takuma advises and represents clients on intellectual property matters, including both prosecution and litigation matters. Takuma focuses his prosecution practice on preparing and drafting patents in the high tech space, where he works with clients to protect automotive systems, telecommunication systems, and software. Takuma also maintains a litigation practice where he works with clients on large-scale, commercial, patent, trademark, and trade secret matters.

Takuma's technical experience encompasses aerospace engineering, electronics and instruments, electrical engineering, robotics and robotic engineering, electro-magnetics, software, and mechanics and mechanical engineering.

An engineer by training, Takuma has a combined 7 year work experience working for defense contractors including Pratt & Whitney, L3 (currently L3Harris), and General Atomics ASI. As a former engineer, his work experience includes developing and manufacturing assemblies for fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft as well as supporting the integration of those assemblies onto the aircraft. These assemblies include auxiliary power units (APU), composite airframes, electrical assemblies (communication assemblies as well as control assemblies), and others. He also led and conducted failure investigations where Takuma led groups of engineers and technicians in order to investigate various failure modes and implement corrective actions to address the failure modes.

While attending law school, Takuma participated in the Patent Clinic, where he provided pro bono representation to individual inventors regarding matters related to prosecution of their patents. Takuma was also a Managing Editor on the UCLA Journal of Law and Technology.

Articles

- 2024 Federal Circuit Case Summaries
04.15.2025
- 2023 Federal Circuit Case Summaries Year End Report
04.08.2024

- IP Practice Group Launches Quarterly Review of Key Federal Circuit Decisions
Sheppard Mullin, Spring 2023

Intellectual Property Law Blog Posts

- "Undetectable Amount of Magnification IS Magnification," June 3, 2025
- "Is it Prior Art? Check the Provisional Application!," May 20, 2025
- "Don't Get Lazy, Timely Complete Your Arguments," April 10, 2025
- "Another Example of Ineligible Software Patent Claims," November 21, 2024
- "Federal Circuit's Determination on Whether Fraudulent Conduct in Obtaining Incontestable Status Warrants the Mark's Cancellation," November 8, 2023
- "Blue Gentian, LLC v. Tristar Prods., Inc. No. 2021-2316, 2021-2317, pending cite (Fed. Cir. June 9, 2023)," July 25, 2023
- "Healthier Choices Management Corp. v. Philip Morris USA, Inc. No. 22-1268 (Fed. Cir. Apr. 12, 2023)," June 13, 2023
- "2023 Federal Circuit Case Summaries," April 24, 2023

Media Mentions

TSA Owes \$170.6M In Patent Suit From Fla. Biz
Law360, 05.02.2025

Events

Trade Secrets and Patents: A Comprehensive Approach to Protecting Intellectual Property
Evaluating the Protection Options, Weighing the Benefits and Risks
Webinar, 02.25.2025

Practices

Intellectual Property

Education

J.D., University of California, Los Angeles, 2022
B.S., San Diego State University, 2014, *cum laude*

Admissions

California