

Patent Preparation & Prosecution

Stinson has a number of registered patent attorneys and patent agents who are licensed to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Our patent attorneys possess a broad range of technical backgrounds, including degrees in agricultural biochemistry, biology, microbiology, chemistry, chemical engineering, electrical engineering, computer engineering and mechanical engineering. Stinson clients are equally diverse—ranging from individuals to universities to start-up technology companies to large publicly traded industry leaders.

CAPABILITIES

We counsel our clients about the types of patent protection available and the circumstances under which each type of patent application is appropriate. We have experience with the preparation and prosecution of provisional and non-provisional utility patent applications, design patent applications and plant patent applications. We also have experience in foreign patent work, including Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) applications, foreign regional applications (e.g., European Patent Convention), and foreign national applications (e.g., Japan). Our patent services include:

DRAFTING

We realize that every part of a patent application is important - from the abstract and written description to the drawings and the claims. On one hand, we understand how to counsel our clients in taking a concept and protecting it by seeking appropriate patent protection. On the other hand, even with our technical training, we realize that the inventor is usually the most knowledgeable resource we have. Thus, we work closely with inventors in order to have a full and accurate understanding of the details of the invention.

PROSECUTION

After the initial filing of the patent application, "patent prosecution" involves corresponding with the USPTO about the disclosure in the application, the scope of the claimed invention and references that impact the patentability of the invention. As experienced practitioners, we realize that advancement of the patent application may often be best facilitated by conducting an interview with the patent examiner in order to crystallize, and often resolve, any outstanding issues in an application. As with the initial drafting of the patent application, our attorneys continue to consult with the inventor so that any resulting patent

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provides the desired protection for the innovation.

PATENT AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AGREEMENTS

Our clients frequently ask our patent practitioners to review, draft and/or negotiate exclusive and non-exclusive patent license agreements, patent assignments, strategic alliances, joint ventures, technology development agreements, technology transfer agreements, research agreements, employment agreements, independent contractor agreements and manufacturing and supply agreements. Our experience with such agreements relates to a variety of technical areas, including e-commerce, software, internet, chemistry, biotechnology, computer technology, and electrical and mechanical inventions.

TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE

Stinson represents clients engaged in diverse businesses, both domestic and foreign. Our patent attorneys have developed significant technical experience in a wide variety of areas, such as:

Mechanical

Software & Computer Systems

Electrical & Electronics

Chemical & Pharmaceutical

Biotechnology

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NEWS

St. Louis Small Business Monthly Selects David S. Kim to Top 100 List

04.03.2024

AOB Reaches Amicable Settlement in Patent Litigation Case, Stinson Attorneys Serve as Lead Patent Counsel

03.22.2024

Stinson's IP Attorneys Examine USPTO Guidance on AI, Patentability and Inventorship in *IPWatchdog* Article

02.23.2024

Stinson's IP&T Team Produces Another Outstanding Year for Trademark and Patent Prosecution and Defense

02.13.2024

World Trademark Review Recognizes Stinson's IP Practice, Three Attorneys in WTR 1000 Rankings

02.12.2024

IP Law Podcast Features Stinson's Jeannie Boettler

11.06.2023

Best Lawyers® Recognizes Stinson in "Best Law Firms" Report

11.02.2023

Stinson IP&T Attorneys Secure Injunction and Settlement for American Outdoor Brands

09.28.2023

Chavez, Barnard Examine Social Media's Legal Risk for Companies, Third Parties in *Bloomberg Law*

08.04.2023

Morgan Johnson Voted Chair of BAMSL Patent, Trademark & Copyright Section

04.05.2023

Stinson Attorneys, Minneapolis Office Earn Recognition in *World Trademark Review's* WTR 1000 Rankings

03.09.2023

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Stinson's 2022 IP&T Year-in-Review Includes Strategic Creativity, Continued Innovation

02.10.2023

Robert Bain, David Kim Named to "Best IP Attorneys" by *St. Louis Small Business Monthly*

01.11.2023

Christina Arnone, Bill Everding and Sarah Lintecum Struby Recognized as Up & Coming Attorneys by *Missouri Lawyers Weekly*

08.22.2022

Stinson Ranked Second Largest Patent Law Firm in St. Louis Fourth Year in a Row

05.10.2022

Robert Bain Featured in *St. Louis Small Business Monthly's* "Top 100" Edition

04.01.2022

World Trademark Review Recognizes Stinson Attorneys, Minneapolis Office in WTR 1000 Rankings

03.14.2022

Stinson Attorneys Assist Manufacturing Client in Securing Permanent Injunction in Patent Litigation

03.03.2022

Stinson's IP&T Team Supports Innovation: 2021 Year In Review

02.11.2022

Robert Bain Named to "Best IP Attorneys" by St. Louis Small Business Monthly

01.05.2022

Stinson Patent Attorneys Assist Client with Acoustically Transparent Face Mask

12.29.2021

Patent Agent Emmalie Gullede Joins Stinson in Wichita

10.29.2021

Stinson Partner Jamaal Jordan Recognized as Up & Coming Attorney by *Missouri Lawyers Weekly*

09.01.2021

Stinson Advised on Thousands of Patent and Trademark Matters in 2020

02.25.2021

Best Lawyers Recognizes 21 Stinson Attorneys as "Ones to Watch"

08.20.2020

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112 Stinson Attorneys Selected to the 2021 *Best Lawyers in America* List

08.20.2020

Nineteen Stinson Attorneys Named 2021 Lawyers of the Year by *Best Lawyers in America*

08.18.2020

Stinson IP Attorneys Advise on Award-Winning Building Innovation

05.12.2020

Stinson Ranked Second Largest Patent Law Firm in St. Louis

04.10.2020

Robert Bain, Paul Tietz Named Best IP Attorneys by *St. Louis Small Business Monthly*

01.10.2020

PUBLICATIONS

USPTO Issues Guidance for Determining Inventorship in AI-assisted Inventions

02.26.2024

New Year, New Trademark and Copyright Laws: Trademark Modernization Act and CASE Act

01.26.2021

New USPTO Pilot Program Provides Appeal Decisions Within Six Months

07.09.2020

USPTO Extends Filing and Fee Payment Dates under CARES Act

04.02.2020

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