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Kevin develops patent portfolios, negotiates technology licenses, and guides IP due diligence so that companies in energy, healthcare, and emerging technology turn their inventions into durable competitive assets.

Kevin Duffy brings an engineer's instincts to intellectual property law — helping companies identify what they own, protect it rigorously, and put it to work. His practice sits at the intersection of patent prosecution, IP transactions, and mergers and acquisitions, giving clients a single point of continuity from invention disclosure through deal close.

On the transactional side, Kevin advises on the full spectrum of technology-based agreements: patent and trademark licenses, software licenses, joint development agreements, sponsored research agreements, technology transaction agreements, and asset transfers. He also advises on the intellectual property dimensions of mergers and acquisitions (M&A) and private equity transactions, conducting buy-side and sell-side due diligence assessments to surface IP issues that affect deal value before they become deal problems.

Kevin's patent preparation and prosecution practice is particularly deep in energy, nuclear, mechanical, and electrical technologies. He works directly with client engineering and technical teams to harvest invention disclosures, analyze the competitive patent landscape, draft and prosecute patent applications before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), and build strategic plans for managing and growing patent portfolios over time. That hands-on collaboration with technical teams is a consistent thread across his work — clients in capital-intensive industries benefit from an attorney who can engage with their engineers as a peer.

When disputes arise, Kevin supports IP litigation teams at every stage, from conducting invalidity and infringement assessments for district court matters to advising on all

Education

- University of Colorado School of Law (J.D., 2014)
- California State University, Bakersfield (M.B.A., 2011)
- Colorado School of Mines (B.S., Engineering with Mechanical Specialty, 2009)
 - *magna cum laude*
 - McBride Honors in Public Affairs

Bar Admissions

- Colorado
- United States Patent and Trademark Office

phases of Inter Partes Review (IPR) proceedings, including petition drafting through oral hearing. Litigation teams also call on him to negotiate and draft settlement and cross-licensing agreements designed to reduce post-litigation exposure.

Kevin's clients span energy and natural resources, healthcare and life sciences, emerging companies, and technology — industries where the gap between a well-managed IP portfolio and an unprotected one can determine market position for years.

Select Experience

- Advised a private equity investor on intellectual property matters in a cross-border carve-out acquisition involving a chemical manufacturing business.
- Advised major oil field services company on multi-party joint development agreement with major oil and gas operator and oil field technology company.
- Advised a private equity investor with renegotiation of SaaS and software licensing agreements with leading technology vendors.
- Advised an advanced nuclear energy company on sponsored research and intellectual property licensing agreements with public research institutions.

Professional Affiliations

- Volunteer, ProBoPat Program of Mi Casa Resource Center
- Member, IP Inn of Court

Accolades

- Recognized by United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) for Patent Pro Bono Service, 2019

Insights

December 23, 2021

Achieving Marketplace Advantage With Targeted Design Rights

August 4, 2021

Outmaneuver the Competition With Accelerated Patent Prosecution