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Education

Bucknell University, BA,
Physics, *magna cum
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Massachusetts Institute
of Technology, MS,
Electrical Engineering
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Boston College Law
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Practice Groups

Electrical & Computer
Technologies

Tommy Franklin provides a wide range of IP services including strategic patent portfolio development, conducting and defending due diligence, development of licensing agreements, patent validity and infringement opinions, and litigation-related counseling for both plaintiffs and defendants. Drawing on his broad technical background, Tommy works with clients spanning numerous technical fields, including medical devices, electromagnetic sensors, optics, microelectromechanical systems (MEMS), semiconductors, and fluidic systems.

Tommy represents both large and small companies, and is well versed in the different issues and pressures faced by different organizations. He is committed to understanding the business objectives of each of his clients and developing and implementing IP strategies which meet those objectives. He is particularly experienced at working with start-ups at many stages of the business, and at developing winning IP strategies which address the various interests brought to the table by the company's inventors, executives, and board members.

During graduate school, Tommy served as a Research Assistant at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Laboratory for Electromagnetic and Electronic Systems, where he designed and conducted investigations of magnetic-colloid flow in rotating and oscillating magnetic fields, with a focus on applications to nano-scale devices.

During college, Tommy completed a physical oceanography internship where he collected and analyzed temperature and salinity data in the Long Island Sound. He also assisted with the collection of data for mapping ocean currents in near-shore areas.

In addition to his work with clients, Tommy is actively involved in firm-related activities. He coordinates both the hiring and training efforts within the Electrical & Computer Technologies group of the firm.

Experience

- Oversaw development of a substantial patent portfolio for a high-tech start-up company resulting in nearly 40 patents and over 100 pending applications.
- Counseled an early stage start-up on development of joint research agreements and consulting agreements.
- Led a team of attorneys in developing non-infringement and invalidity positions for seven patents on behalf of a large consumer electronics company.
- Successfully defended diligence by multiple investors on behalf of an early stage start-up company as part of a multi-million dollar investment round.

Recognition

Tommy is a recipient of the Boston College Alumni Scholarship. He is a member of the Order of the Coif and Phi Beta Kappa. He has also been named repeatedly to the list of Massachusetts Rising Stars by Super Lawyers.

Interests

Tommy has served as both a judge and mentor for business plan competitions, and remains involved with the MIT clean energy prize (CEP) competition and the Boston College Venture Competition. He is also actively involved with Boston College Law School, as both a hiring representative for Wolf Greenfield and as a speaker.