

People



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Jeffrey Armstrong prepares and prosecutes patent applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), litigates patent matters in federal district courts, and represents clients in *ex parte* reexaminations at the USPTO and *inter partes* reviews at the Patent Trial and Appeals Board (PTAB).

Jeffrey uses his litigation experience to help clients obtain high value, litigation worthy patents that are drafted to withstand validity challenges in district court and post-grant proceedings at the USPTO while still covering desired technical features and functionality. He also relies on insight gained from patent prosecution to help clients develop successful legal and technical strategies during district court litigation and before the PTAB.

In addition to his litigation and prosecution practice, Jeffrey also authors legal opinions related to patent, trademark, trade secret, unfair competition, and copyright issues, and assists clients with licensing patents and patent portfolios.

Prior to his legal career, Jeffrey held a variety of engineering, technical management, and consulting positions. As an engineer at Nortel Networks, he worked with Synchronous Optical Networks (SONET), optical amplifiers, Dense Wave Division Multiplexing (DWDM) systems, Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM) switches, and Internet Protocol (IP) routers. After Nortel Networks, he worked at a venture-backed communications service provider where he designed, engineered, and implemented metropolitan and backbone voice and data networks. He also worked at Corvis Corporation as a product manager for optical transmission, optical amplification, and optical switching systems, and later as an engineering consultant to the U.S. Department of Defense in connection with communications technologies.

Notable Work

Consumer Electronics:

Areas of Experience

Intellectual Property
Intellectual Property Litigation
Patent Litigation
Copyrights
Patent Prosecution and Portfolio Management
Trademarks
Trade Secrets, Restrictive Covenants, and Unfair Competition

Education

J.D., Chicago-Kent College of Law, 2007, *Chicago-Kent Journal of Intellectual Property*, Associate Editor
B.S., Tulane University, Electrical Engineering, 1996

Admissions

Bars

Illinois
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Courts

U.S. Supreme Court
U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

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- Representing a consumer electronics company in patent litigation, patent prosecution, patent portfolio development, and post-grant proceedings involving networked multimedia systems.

Telecommunications:

- Representing a global telecommunications operator in several U.S. litigation matters in district court and before the Patent Trial and Appeals Board involving patents relating to multimedia networking protocols, digital video, streaming media, network monitoring and management, inference engine software, telecommunications billing systems, Data Over Cable Service Interface Specification (DOCSIS) cable modems and cable modem termination systems, routers, switches, voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP), and Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) technology.
- Preparing and prosecuting patent applications directed to wireless communications systems, networks, and protocols for a Fortune 100 communications service provider.

Medical Devices:

- Representing a global medical device manufacturer in litigation involving patents and trade secrets related to blood glucose monitoring technology.
- Preparing and prosecuting patent applications directed to electro-mechanical medical prostheses for an Australian medical device manufacturer.
- Counseling a medical device manufacturer in connection with a trade secret misappropriation, unfair competition, and breach of contract dispute related to research and development agreements for sleep apnea equipment.

Control Systems:

- Representing an Asian electronics manufacturer and its U.S. customers in several litigation matters involving patents and trade secrets directed to fluorescent lighting ballasts.
- Representing an electronics manufacturer and its distributor in district court litigation and before the Patent Trial and Appeals Board involving patents directed to LED lighting systems.

Software:

- Preparing and prosecuting patent applications directed to machine learning methods for analyzing and classifying healthcare insurance claims.
- Assisting a Fortune 100 software company with evaluating a start-up's portfolio of issued patents and pending patent applications related to message oriented middleware in connection with the Fortune 100 company's acquisition of the start-up.
- Counseling an offshore investment firm in connection with the investment firm's acquisition of a portfolio of issued patents and pending patent applications related to video game software and systems from a Chapter 7 debtor during bankruptcy proceedings.

Honors and Distinctions

- *Managing Intellectual Property*, 2024, Patent Star - Illinois
- *Best Lawyers*, 2023-2025, Listed in Illinois for Patent Law

- *Super Lawyers* Magazine, 2014-2017, Listed in Illinois as a “Rising Star” for Intellectual Property and Intellectual Property Litigation
- Martindale-Hubbell, AV Rated