

PARTNER

Michael P. Girard

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EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Virginia, 1994
- B.S., *magna cum laude* in Mechanical Engineering, State University of New York at Buffalo, 1990

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Oregon, 1999
- Virginia, 1994 (inactive)
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (Reg. No. 38,467)

YEAR JOINED FIRM

1998

PRACTICE AREAS

Intellectual Property Counseling
Licensing & Technology Transfer
Patents: Design, International, and Utility
Outsourced "In-House" IP Counsel
Trademarks
Startups & Emerging Businesses

TECHNOLOGIES

Electrical & Semiconductors
Green Technology & Renewable Energy
Mechanical

PRACTICE AREA OVERVIEW

Since 1994, Mr. Girard has specialized in planning, preparing, and prosecuting U.S. and international patent applications. Mr. Girard's practice also includes patent infringement and validity analysis, trademark work, and design patent applications. He has litigation, licensing, and counseling experience.

TECHNICAL EXPERTISE

Mr. Girard has worked with clients in many different technology areas, including computer and information systems, manufacturing, medical devices, transportation, agriculture and wood products, and consumer products, with an emphasis on the mechanical and system aspects in these areas.

PRIOR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Systems engineer in the automotive industry.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Member, American Intellectual Property Law Association