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OVERVIEW

Sam represents clients in patent disputes before federal district courts and the USPTO, with a particular focus on post-grant proceedings such as *inter partes* reviews (IPRs) and *ex parte* reexaminations (EPRs). Sam has argued four times before the PTAB and handles all aspects of post-grant practice, from developing prior art invalidity theories and drafting petitions through oral argument before the Board. He understands the interplay between district court litigation and PTAB proceedings and works closely with district court teams to ensure alignment across forums. Sam has handled dozens of post-grant proceedings involving a broad range of technologies, including cybersecurity, wireless communications, process mining, networking, EDA software, and continuous glucose monitors.

Sam also has significant experience obtaining patents in technologies including combustion engines, footwear, aircraft, implantable medical devices, and winches.

Sam joined Klarquist as a lateral associate in 2020.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- DASCENZO GATES Intellectual Property Law, P.C. | Intellectual Property Attorney, 2019–2020 | Portland, OR
- McCoy Russell LLP (formerly Alleman Hall McCoy Russell & Tuttle, LLP) | Technical Specialist and Law School Clerk, 2014–2019 | Portland, OR
- Hall Law P.C. | Summer Legal Assistant, 2013 | Portland, OR

PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

- *A Shifting Post-Grant Landscape: IPRs and Other USPTO Proceedings in 2026*, Klarquist CLE (co-presenter with Andy Mason) | September 15, 2026

EDUCATION

J.D., Lewis & Clark Law School, 2019

B.S., Brain and Cognitive Sciences, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2014

ADMISSIONS

Oregon, 2019

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 2019 (Reg. No. 78,633)

U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

PRACTICE AREAS

Patents

Litigation

Post-Grant USPTO Proceedings

TECHNOLOGY AREAS

Mechanical

Medical Devices & Diagnostics

Consumer Products

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