



David V. Carlson

PARTNER

EDUCATION

J. Reuben Clark Law School of
Brigham Young University
J.D. 1982

Brigham Young University
Electrical Engineering
B.S. 1979

INDUSTRIES

Alternative Energy
Consumer Products & Services
Electrical Engineering
Semiconductors
Medical Devices
Software & Internet

PRACTICES

Patent
Strategic Counseling
IP Agreements & Licensing
Trade Secrets
IP Litigation & Enforcement

BAR ADMISSIONS

Texas
Washington
United States Patent
and Trademark Office

BACKGROUND

David's practice is focused on electrical, software and mechanical patent matters, including obtaining, licensing and litigation of patents in these areas. He has a great deal of practical experience providing strategic planning to protect a client's technology. He can prepare a strategy to assist your company to obtain patent coverage on your key inventions. If you need to enforce these patents or defend a lawsuit against your company, he has extensive experience assisting companies protecting themselves and their IP.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 2011-2024
- Selected to *Washington Super Lawyers*®, 2001, 2003, 2005-07 & 2012-23
- Top Rated AV Preeminent™ IP Lawyer, *Martindale-Hubbell*®, 2000-2023
- Recommended, *IAM Patent 1000, Transactions: Washington*, 2016, 18-23
- Recommended, *IAM Patent 1000, Litigation: Washington*, 2016, 18-23
- Recommended, *IAM Patent 1000, Prosecution: Washington*, 2017
- Listed in *Seattle Met's "Top Lawyers"* issue, 2010
- *Top 40 Washington IP Super Lawyers*®, 2006 & 2008
- *Washington's Most Amazing Attorneys*®, 2006
- Outstanding service Award, Univ. of Washington Law School 2002-03
- President, Washington State Patent Law Association, 1996-1997

EXPERIENCE

While a partner of Seed IP, Dave has prepared and filed many hundreds of patent applications and amendments. He has engaged in numerous license negotiations and prepared many license agreements. He has also been the lead counsel in several patent law suits, including many Markman hearings. He specializes in both preparing and enforcing patents. Prior to joining Seed IP Law Group, Dave was a patent examiner for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. He also previously worked as a patent attorney with Texas Instruments, where he specialized in obtaining U.S. and Japanese patent protection on semiconductor devices, computer design, and electronic systems. Dave was a faculty member of the University of Washington School of Law from 1996 to 2015 where he taught a course on patent preparation and prosecution. He was also a founding member of University of Washington School of Law's CASRIP (Center for Advanced Study and Research on Intellectual Property) program in 1993, at which he lectured each summer as a faculty member from 1994 to 2014. Dave is fluent in Japanese.

AFFILIATIONS

Dave is a member of the state bars of Washington (1988) and Texas (1983), and is registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. He is a member of the Washington State Patent Law Association (president, 1996-97), the Japan America Society, and the American Bar Association. He is also a member of Eta Kappa Nu.