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Services

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Rodney Rothwell is a registered patent attorney who focuses on US and foreign patent preparation and prosecution; post grant proceedings both domestic and foreign; opinions concerning patentability, invalidity, non-infringement, prior user rights, and freedom to operate, IP due diligence, and IP portfolio strategy and management. Mr. Rothwell has represented clients in a wide range of technologies with a focus on medical devices; bioinformatics; data analysis systems including machine learning techniques and streaming data analysis; cloud computing and data storage solutions; data security-related technologies; energy storage systems; and consumer electronic devices and applications.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Rothwell was an associate in both the McLean office of a Virginia IP boutique firm and the Alexandria office of a large Virginia IP boutique firm where his areas of practice included patent preparation and prosecution, client counseling, and opinions. Prior to launching his legal career, Mr. Rothwell worked as a Medical Technologist for Quest Diagnostics.

Experience

Representing a *Fortune* 500 global technology and specialty materials company in multiple IPRs for patents relating to the manufacture of acetic acid.

Representing a large international concessions and construction company in an acquisition of a partial interest in a software company owning rights to toll management software. Performing IP due diligence including open

source software analysis and freed-to-operate analysis.

Providing patent procurement and counseling services to Abbott Point of Care, an industry leader in point of care medical diagnostic testing. Abbott Point of Care offers innovative products such as the i-STAT system including technology from various areas such as immunology, biotechnology, biosensors, microfluidics, nanotechnology, and data management. Providing counsel and advice in all aspects of the company's business, including helping shape its overall patent strategy. As part of this, the firm takes an active role in identifying and protecting innovations, as well as evaluating third-party intellectual property rights.

Education

George Mason University Electrical Engineering (2011)

Widener University School of Law J.D. (2004)

Drexel University B.S. (1998) Medical Technology

Admissions

District of Columbia (2018)

Court Admissions

District of Columbia Court of Appeals (2018)

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (2007)

Professional & Community Activities

Federal Circuit Bar Association, Vice-Chair of the Corporate Counsel Committee (2019-Present)

Federal Circuit Bar Association, Chair of the USPTO Pro Bono Committee (2015-2019)

Manager of USPTO Pro Bono program in the DC Office (2015-present)

Widener University Law Review, member (2002-2004)

Insights

[Publication](#)

Bioinformatics – Eligibility Challenges for Inventions at the Intersection of Biology and Software (Part 2 of a 4 Part Series)

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Bioinformatics – Eligibility Challenges for Inventions at the Intersection of Biology and Software (Part 1 of a 4



Part Series)

March 28, 2022

News

Stanford Bid for Gene Inheritance Patent Falls Short Again

March 26, 2021

Perspectives

Takeaways | Requiring Human Inventorship - Opportunities to Advise Whether to Prohibit, Permit, or Require Listing an AI Algorithm as an Inventor - Eastern District of Virginia & European Patent Office

February 16, 2021

Alert

The Time is Now: Opportunities to Advise the E.D. Va. or EPO as to Whether to Prohibit, Permit, or Require Listing an AI Algorithm as an Inventor

February 11, 2021