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Biography

Mr. Adrian is a founding partner of WHDA, and is the leader of the firm's Prosecution Group. Mr. Adrian has experience in a wide variety of technologies in the chemical, semiconductor and mechanical arts, including alloys, batteries, capacitors, catalysts, ceramics, cleaning agents, compressors, electrodes, electroluminescence, electro photography, fibers, films, flame retardants, imaging, lasers, magnets, pigments, polymers, resists, superconductors, toners and wafers.

As the leader of the firm's Prosecution Group, Mr. Adrian manages prosecution to ensure that each patent application is paired with an attorney's technical expertise, so that clients can obtain timely and effective advice. Mr. Adrian works closely with the training of new attorneys to ensure quality of prosecution and the passing of knowledge and experience in all areas of patent prosecution including drafting successful responses to Office Actions, drafting effective appeal briefs and presenting persuasive oral arguments before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. Mr. Adrian also has extensive experience in post-prosecution matters including reissue applications and ex parte and inter partes re-examinations.

Mr. Adrian began his IP career by attending law school at night and working at an IP boutique during the day. This demanding schedule helped him gain experience in the field while also developing a strong work ethic. Mr. Adrian initially conducted patentability searches, which expanded to patent application drafting and all aspects of patent prosecution, and law firm management.

Mr. Adrian has also been a long-time member of the American Chemical Society as well as the American Intellectual Property Association.

Related Services

- › Patent Prosecution
- › Legal Opinions and Counseling
- › Post-Grant Procedures
- › Training and Education

Related Technologies



- › Chemistry, Chemical Engineering and Materials Science
- › Mechanical Engineering
- › Optics

Education

- › B.S., Chemistry, 1985, University of North Carolina
- › J.D., 1990, George Washington University

Admissions

- › U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 1988
- › Virginia Bar, 1990
- › U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, 1990
- › U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, 1994
- › District of Columbia Bar, 1998

Memberships

- › American Intellectual Property Law Association
- › American Chemical Society

Publications

- › Non-Prior Art Evidence Helps Sink Three Patents in IPR Proceeding, 10.18.2018
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- › In re Jeffrey Hubbell: An Inventor Changing Jobs Creates Double Patenting Problem, IPWatchdog, March 15, 2013, 3.15.2013
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