



## **PATENT PROSECUTION**

Westerman, Hattori, Daniels & Adrian offers expertise in a full range of services related to preparation and prosecution of patent applications in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, as well as management of prosecution of PCT and foreign patent applications. Before joining WHDA, our attorneys and agents gained a wide range of experiences in government, academia and business, with backgrounds including Examiners at the U.S. and Japanese Patent Offices, cancer researchers at the university level, and engineers for some of the largest corporations in the world. Additionally, our highly skilled, multi-national support staff merges specialized training with the latest technological tools to easily support high volumes of patent applications.

Our attorneys use every resource available in order to expedite examination toward a successful conclusion, with claims that meet our clients' practical business needs and anticipate future uncertainties. For example, WHDA attorneys take advantage of our proximity to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to have a face-to-face relationship with Examiners. We are always exploiting new tools that can help our clients, such as the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program, the pre-Appeal Brief Review program, USPTO Ombudsman program and various pilot programs. When an appeal proceeding becomes necessary, our attorneys bring years of experience to the Board at the USPTO and the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (CAFC).

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