

DAVID V. TRASK

Mr. Trask, of counsel, brings over forty years of experience in transactional and litigation matters, primarily in the fields of intellectual property and commercial law. He has extensive experience, both as an advocate and as a neutral, in arbitration proceedings involving technology, performing arts, intellectual property, and commercial disputes. Mr. Trask has also often served as a mediator. His educational and practice backgrounds include matters involving mechanical, chemical, electrical/electronic, medical, and related technologies.

Mr. Trask serves as an arbitrator for the Better Business Bureau and the American Arbitration Association. He has received Martindale Hubbell's AV rating, the publication's highest rating, and has been listed in "The Best Lawyers in America" for ten consecutive years.

Technology Areas

Chemical & Chemical Process
Electrical & Electronics
Life Science
Mechanical & Aerospace
Medical Devices
Medical Devices
Optical Technology
Computers, Software, & Information
Technology
Materials Science

Areas of Practice

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Patent Prosecution
Complex Litigation
Business Counseling & Strategic Planning
Design Patents
Transactional & Licensing
Trademarks
Copyrights
Dispute Resolution

Technical Expertise

Extensive patent prosecution experience in the medical, chemical, mining, electromechanical, electronic, construction, synthetic fuels, health and sporting goods industries

Practice emphasizes patent preparation and prosecution, licensing, contract negotiation, trademark prosecution, and related dispute resolution, including both alternative dispute resolution and litigation

Prior Professional Experience

In private patent practice in Salt Lake City since 1967

Patent Attorney, Chemical Division of PPG Industries, 1962-1967

General Corporate Practice, Peter Kiewit Sons' Construction Company, 1961-1962

Research Scientist, Department of Radiology, University of Minnesota, Mayo Memorial Hospital, 1959-1961

Teaching Assistant, University of Minnesota, 1957-58

ADR panelist since 1975

Education

University of Minnesota, B.S. in Metallurgy, 1958

University of Minnesota Law School, J.D., Law Review, 1961

Bar Admissions

Minnesota Bar, 1961

U.S. Patent & Trademark Office, 1963

Utah Bar, 1968

Court Admissions

Minnesota and U.S. District Court of Minnesota, 1961
Utah and U.S. District Court, District of Utah, 1968
U.S. Court of Customs and Patent Appeals, 1973-1982
U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit, 1973
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, 1982
U.S. Supreme Court, 1986

Community & Professional Organizations

Board of Directors, Wasatch Mountain Club
Judge, Utah Entrepreneur Challenge (University of Utah)
Board of Directors, Salt Lake Jazz Society
American Arbitration Association - Commercial and Intellectual Property Panels
International Center for Dispute Resolution (ICDR)
Association for Dispute Resolution (ACR)
Utah Dispute Resolution (Community Mediation Center)

Joined Firm

Founder, Sole Practice 1969 and Founder, TraskBritt, 1973