

JOSEPH A. WALKOWSKI

Mr. Walkowski brings over twenty-five years of intellectual property experience to TraskBritt, where he has been a shareholder since 1993. Prior to joining TraskBritt, Mr. Walkowski served in corporate positions in the oil service industry, first with Halliburton Company and subsequently as chief patent counsel for Eastman Christensen, now a subsidiary of Baker Hughes Incorporated. His practice focuses on acquisition and exploitation of intellectual property rights and his background includes substantial experience in U.S. and international patent prosecution as well as intellectual property licensing (including software) and litigation.

Mr. Walkowski has been named as one of The Best Lawyers in America in the field of Intellectual Property, ranked in Chambers, USA, named by Mountain States Super Lawyers as among the top five percent of lawyers in the state, and among the "Utah Legal Elite" by Utah Business Magazine.

Technology Areas

Electrical & Electronics
Mechanical & Aerospace
Medical Devices
Optical Technology
Materials Science

Areas of Practice

Patent Prosecution
Business Counseling & Strategic Planning
Transactional & Licensing
International
Trademarks

Areas of Special Expertise

Infringement, validity and enforceability evaluations
Strategic counseling in anticipation of litigation
Reissue and reexamination proceedings
Technology transfer including software licensing
Patent and technology portfolio assessments and audits
Intellectual property due diligence for mergers and acquisitions

Technical Expertise

Semiconductor device fabrication, packaging and assembly
Oil and gas exploration and production technologies
Composite Materials and aerospace structures
High frequency electronic instrumentation
Medical and surgical devices
Natural resources and industrial materials processing and handling

Prior Professional Experience

In private patent practice in Salt Lake City since 1990 (with the firm since 1991)
Patent Counsel, Eastman Christensen Company, 1987-1990
Patent Attorney, Halliburton Company, 1979-1987
In private practice emphasizing civil litigation in Maryland and Washington, D.C., 1975-1979
Examiner, U.S. Patent Office, 1972-1975

Education

University of Delaware, Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering, 1971
Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., Law Review, 1975
Oklahoma City University, M.B.A. with high honors, 1984

Bar Admissions

Maryland Bar, 1975
District of Columbia Bar, 1976

U.S Patent & Trademark Office, 1977
Oklahoma Bar, 1981
Utah Bar, 1988

Court Admissions

Maryland Court of Appeals, 1975
District of Columbia Court of Appeals, 1976
Oklahoma Supreme Court, 1981
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, 1982
Utah and U.S. District Court, District of Utah, 1988

Community & Professional Organizations

Member, Licensing Executives Society
Member, American Intellectual Property Law Association
Member, American Bar Association (Intellectual Property and Litigations Sections)

Joined Firm

1991