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Joe brings several decades of intellectual property experience to TraskBritt, where in addition to his active practice he serves as General Counsel to the firm. Prior to joining the firm, he served as in-house IP counsel at several major oil service companies one of which, Baker Hughes, he continues to represent. Joe's exceptional understanding of corporate goals and the dynamics required to achieve them, combined with his M.B.A., enables him to provide business-oriented solutions to a clientele pursuing a wide variety of technologies, including multinational corporations and a government research laboratory. Joe's practice focuses on acquisition and exploitation of intellectual property rights, including strategic planning, opinions, U.S. and foreign patent prosecution, licensing, litigation support and due diligence.

Joe has been repeatedly recognized as one of the Best Lawyers in America in the field of Patent Law, as well as one of the Intellectual Asset Management 1000, and first tier in Chambers, USA. He has also been named repeatedly by Mountain States Super Lawyers and among the Utah Legal Elite by Utah Business Magazine. He was the 2017 sole Utah recipient of the Client's Choice Award, and has been selected as one of the IAM Strategy 300 on an ongoing basis.

Practice Areas: Counseling and Strategic Planning, Dispute Resolution, Due Diligence, International, Opinions, Patents, Trade Secrets, Transactional and Licensing

Technical Expertises: Chemical and Chemical Process, Computers, Software, and Information Technology, Electrical and Electronics, Materials Science, Mechanical and Aerospace, Medical Devices, Nanotechnology, Optical Technology

Professional Recognition

- Best Lawyers □ 2007-2021
- Best Lawyers SLC Patent Law Lawyer of the Year □ 2012
- Chambers USA □ 2008-2017
- iAM Patent 1000 (Patent Prosecution) □ 2012-2017
- IP Stars □ 2013-2020
- Super Lawyers □ 2007-2019
- Utah Legal Elite □ 2007, 2010-2019

Areas of Special Expertise

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

Bar Admissions

- Maryland Bar (inactive)
- District of Columbia Bar (inactive)
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
- Oklahoma Bar
- Utah Bar

Court Admissions

- Maryland Court of Appeals
- District of Columbia Court of Appeals
- Oklahoma Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- Utah and U.S. District Court, District of Utah

Community and Professional Organizations

- Member, Licensing Executives Society
- Member, American Intellectual Property Law Association
- Member, American Bar Association (Intellectual Property and Dispute Resolution Sections)

Education

- University of Delaware, Bachelor in Mechanical Engineering

- Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., Law Review
- Oklahoma City University, M.B.A. with high honors

Prior Professional Experience

- Patent Counsel, Eastman Christensen Company and Hughes Christensen
- Private Practice, Litigation in Maryland and Washington, D.C.
- Examiner, U.S. Patent Office
- Managing Patent Attorney, Halliburton Company