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Clients deploy Kevin's expert skills to navigate their toughest intellectual property challenges. A mechanical engineer with in-the-field energy industry experience, Kevin works collaboratively with clients to develop a successful framework for identifying intellectual property and maximizing its value to meet business needs.

With a strong business background and industry-tailored approach, Kevin counsels companies in a wide range of intellectual property transactions to help them exploit their intellectual property assets. He helps companies accomplish their goals by advising, negotiating, and drafting complex technology-based transactional agreements, including patent and trademark licenses, software licenses, technology transaction agreements, joint development agreements, sponsored research agreements, asset transfers, among others.

Kevin also advises on all intellectual property aspects of mergers and acquisitions and private equity transactions. Kevin's work includes conducting due diligence assessments, for both buy- and sell-side transactions, of key intellectual property issues that impact deal value.

Kevin provides clients comprehensive offering by not only advising on IP transactions, but also by developing and protecting the underlying IP assets themselves. Kevin's patent preparation and prosecution experience is extensive. With a deep background in energy, nuclear, mechanical, and electrical technologies, he helps clients identify and protect their patent rights by working closely with client technical teams to "harvest" inventions, analyze the competitive patent landscape, draft and prosecute patent applications, and develop strategic plans for managing and growing patent portfolios.

Armed with his deep technical background, Kevin has advised on all stages of *Inter Partes Reviews*, from petition to oral hearing. He works seamlessly with IP litigation teams to provide technical insight and drafting support for complex IP litigation matters,

Education

- University of Colorado School of Law (J.D., 2014)
- California State University, Bakersfield (M.B.A., 2011)
- Colorado School of Mines (B.S., Engineering with Mechanical Specialty, 2009)
 - *magna cum laude*; McBride Honors in Public Affairs

Bar Admissions

- Colorado
- United States Patent and Trademark Office

including by conducting invalidity and infringement assessments in support of district court litigation. Litigation teams also turn to Kevin to negotiate and draft settlement and cross-licensing agreements to mitigate post-litigation risk.

With Kevin's experience, he adeptly works across practice areas to mitigate clients' IP transactional risk, while helping them leverage their IP in support of establishing a competitive advantage.

Professional Affiliations

- Volunteer, ProBoPat Program of Mi Casa Resource Center
- Member, IP Inn of Court

Accolades

- Recognized by United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) for Patent Pro Bono Service, 2019

Insights

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Achieving Marketplace Advantage With Targeted Design Rights

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