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Education / Bar Admissions

BASc (Hons.) in Electrical Engineering (double specialization in communications and microwaves), University of Ottawa, 1997

Professional Involvement

Fellow, Intellectual Property Institute of Canada (IPIC); Member, Self-Regulation Committee and Joint Liaison Committee on Industrial Designs

Chair, AIPPI Canadian Standing Committee on Copyright/Industrial Design; Member, AIPPI International Standing Committee on Designs; Organizing Committee Member for Toronto 2014 Congress

Member, American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)

Member, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE); Member, Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO)

Member, Christian Legal Fellowship (CLF)

Community Involvement

Volunteer, BLG Reads to Kids Program, 2002-present

Member, BLG Charitable Donations

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Curtis Behmann is a partner, professional engineer and registered Canadian and US patent agent in our Intellectual Property Group. Curtis specializes in the drafting and prosecution of high-tech, mechanical and cleantech patents and industrial designs in various industries including wireless technology, semiconductors, security, financial/business methods, digital media and entertainment, consumer products, medical devices, water treatment, oil & gas, automotive and transportation. He advises entrepreneurs and established companies on how to turn ideas into assets, and to manage those assets in the context of their business strategy. Fluently bilingual in English and French, he assists clients in both official languages. He is a member of BLG's Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Innovation Sector Focus Group, and Auto Industry Focus Group.

Curtis has been repeatedly recognized in international ranking publications as an expert in patent prosecution.

Before joining BLG in 2002, Curtis worked at an IP boutique firm in Ottawa from 2000 to 2002, and as a senior patent examiner at the Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) from 1997 to 2000. There, he made innovative contributions to both policy and resource projects in the CIPO's Patent Branch and received a federal government award presented by the Commissioner of Patents.

REPRESENTATIVE WORK

- Patent drafting and prosecution in Canada, US and internationally for emerging companies and established clients in various fields of mechanical and electrical engineering, software, business methods, computer graphics, mobile technologies, security, semiconductors, optical, telecommunications, and environmental technologies, to add value to client companies.
- Advising entrepreneurs, innovators and corporations on global patent strategy and portfolio management.
- Industrial design protection in Canada and the US and internationally.
- Providing opinions regarding patentability, infringement, validity and IP due diligence issues to enable clients to make informed strategic business decisions.

Committee, 2007-present
Coordinator, Christian Legal
Fellowship, Ottawa chapter, 2001-04
Member, Board of Directors, AIPPI
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Guest Speaker, Christian Legal
Fellowship National Conferences

- As CIPO patent examiner, examined patent applications relating to emerging Internet and wireless technologies, data-switching networks, fiber-optic networks and related protocols, architectures, software and hardware.

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- Author, "Offer for Sale can Bar US Patent Prosecution," *The Lawyers Weekly*, June 2012.
- Chair, "Patent and Licensing Strategies" Panel, Institute for Electrical and Electronic Engineers International Conference on Communications (IEEE ICC), Ottawa, June 2012.
- Presenter, "IP Primer – Patents" and "IP Primer – Non Patent IP," McMaster University Engineering Entrepreneurship Program, November 2009 (with C. Watson).
- Presenter, "Correcting Canadian Patents," client presentation, June 2009 (with A. Kinsman and M. Chakrapani).
- Moderator, Canada's Top 10 Companies Competition, Cleantech Investment coaching sessions, November 2007 and 2008.
- Author, "Getting Your Patent Faster," *Flintbox e-newsletter*, September 2008.
- Author, "Patent Issues In Cleantech: What You Need to Know," *The Ottawa Cleantech Report*, Winter 2007.
- Author, "Companies can Beat Competition by Patenting Software Inventions," *The Lawyers Weekly*, November 2007.
- Presenter, "The Basics of Intellectual Property," Canadian Heads of Electrical and Computer Engineering Conference, National Arts Centre, May 2006.
- Presenter, "Patents: A Valuable Tool for Commercializing Your Research," University of Regina Faculty and Researchers, July 2004.

RANKINGS & RECOGNITIONS

- Recognized in the 2017 (and since 2014) editions of *IAM Patent 1000* (Patent Prosecution).
- Recognized in *IAM Patent 1000 — The World's Leading Patent Practitioners 2015* for Patent Prosecution. The publication says: "*High-technology mandates are ably dispatched by the 'top-notch' Curtis Behmann, a former patent examiner who knows the lie of the land.*"
- *Managing Intellectual Property 2014* — IP Star (Patent, Patent litigation, Patent opinion, Patent Prosecution, Patent strategy and counselling). The publication says that: "*Partner Curtis Behmann is lauded by peers for his 'intelligence and dedication' in patent prosecution matters.*"
- Recognized in *IAM Patent 1000 — The World's Leading Patent Practitioners 2014* for Patent Prosecution. The publication says that Curtis Behmann "*is a primary contact at the firm. Clients are overjoyed with his output, in terms of both quality and flexibility. He provides excellent support and really develops a partnership with his charges.*"



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