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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); Vice-Chair of Industrial Design Practice Committee

Director, AIPPI Canada

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

Member, BLG Diversity and Inclusion Committee (2008-2018)

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

Chair, BLG Ottawa Charitable Donations Committee

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Curtis Behmann is a partner, professional engineer and registered Canadian and US patent agent in our Intellectual Property Group. With over 20 years of experience, he provides strategic business-focused counsel to innovators and their business partners. Curtis specializes in the drafting and prosecution of high-tech and mechanical 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. Fluently bilingual in English and French, he assists clients in both official languages. He is a member of BLG's Innovation Thought Leadership Committee and Autonomous Vehicles Group.

Curtis has been repeatedly recognized in international ranking publications, including as one of the world's leading patent practitioners in the IAM Patent 1000, and as a Managing IP Star.

Curtis also specializes in industrial design protection. He is the vice-chair of Canada's Industrial Design Practice Committee, and the Canadian representative on the AIPPI International Standing Committee on Designs.

Curtis is a former Senior Patent Examiner at the Canadian Intellectual Property Office.

## 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.

Volunteer, BLG Reads to Kids Program, 2002-present

Coordinator, Christian Legal Fellowship, Ottawa chapter, 2001-04

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

- Presenter, "Innovation at BLG," Ottawa Law & Technology Meetup, April 2018.
- Panel Moderator, "Being a Brilliant In-House Counsel," IPBC Global Conference, Ottawa, June 2017.
- Author, "Design Rights: Functionality & Scope of Protection" (Canada chapter), Wolters-Kluwer, 2017.
- Presenter, "What You Need to Know About Patents," Invest Ottawa, 2013-2014.
- Author, "Offer for Sale can Bar US Patent Protection," *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 edition (and since 2014) 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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