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Education

Bachelor of the Arts, Engineering Physics,
Kalamazoo College
Bachelor of Science, Mechanical
Engineering, University of Maryland
Juris Doctor, University of Baltimore School
of Law

Bar Admissions

Virginia
Registered to practice before the U.S.
Patent and Trademark Office

Adam joined the Firm in November and his practice focuses on assisting inventors and technology firms with the development and protection of intellectual property portfolios. He began his career as a patent examiner in 1989 and, after several years, he developed a private practice devoted to patent application drafting, patent application prosecution, patent analysis, including both validity and infringement, and counseling. Adam has significant experience assisting clients navigate the often-difficult paths through the U.S. and foreign patent systems to obtain patent coverage as well as experience in counseling clients on their options relating to freedom-to-operate and the assertion of patent rights in the U.S.

Throughout his career, Adam has worked in a broad variety of technology areas: medical devices and method of treating human patients, including surgical methods; power generation plants and methods, including combined cycle power generation, gas and steam turbines, generators, plant layout and system configuration, combustion systems, boilers, surge arrestors, and associated processes; furnaces; sterile food and beverage containers; food container machinery, including gable-topped container formation machinery; foods; and various business methods.

Prior to joining Jones Robb, Adam founded and managed a small IP boutique law firm, had his own solo IP practice, was of counsel and an associate at small and large IP boutique law firms in Alexandria, VA, and was a U.S. patent examiner for six years.

Legal Expertise

- Strategic Global Portfolio Management and Client Counseling
- Industrial Design Patents
- Freedom to Operate Analyses
- Patentability Evaluations

Technical Expertise

- Medical Devices and Surgical Methods
- Electrical Power Generation
- Turbines
- Generators

Highlights

- Former Examiner at the USPTO