

JOSHUA C. HARRISON

PARTNER

Dr. Harrison represents clients in intellectual property legal matters, focusing on patent preparation, prosecution, licensing, post-grant proceedings such as inter-partes review (IPR), pre-litigation, opinions, and litigation.

Dr. Harrison is a highly experienced patent attorney who provides high-quality preparation and prosecution of U.S. Patent applications and manages the acquisition of related foreign patent rights and intellectual property licensing.

Dr. Harrison assists clients in intellectual property licensing negotiations and related patent analyses and transactions. He provides right-to-use / patent clearance investigations and analyses & opinions regarding patent validity, infringement, and essentiality to standards.

Dr. Harrison also represents clients in intellectual property disputes, including pre-litigation counseling and representation, patent litigation and litigation support, alternative dispute resolution (e.g., mediation, arbitration), post-grant proceedings such as inter-partes review (IPR), and patent reexamination requests and proceedings.

REPRESENTATIVE LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- As a Partner at BHW IP Law, Dr. Harrison has prepared and successfully prosecuted high quality and enforceable U.S. patent applications and evaluated or asserted patents in a wide variety of electrical, mechanical, and biomedical fields (e.g., firearms, vehicle accessories, toy inventions, sports equipment, magnetic recording heads, information storage devices, and related technologies such as data compression, dental implants, ophthalmic surgical devices, testing and metrology apparatuses, etc.).
- He has successfully represented Fortune 500 and smaller clients in dozens of intellectual property disputes, including co-representation in several major patent litigation matters. Dr. Harrison was formerly an In-house Patent Attorney at Western Digital Corp. While there he represented the company in several I.P. licensing and co-development agreements managed the successful preparation and prosecution of dozens of patent applications and assisted with the oversight of patent litigation matters.
- Dr. Harrison began his Intellectual Property career as a Litigation Associate at Irell & Manella, LLP. There he was a subordinate member of a leading and renowned patent litigation team.
- Dr. Harrison is also very experienced in managing the acquisition of related foreign patent rights for his clients.

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EDUCATION

JD, Stanford Law School

Ph.D. (Engineering), UCSD

M.Sc. (Engineering), UCSD

B.Sc. (Engineering), USC

MILITARY SERVICE

23 years reserve service in US Marine Corps (enlisted) and US Army (officer)

ADMISSIONS

California Bar

Eastern District of Texas

Northern District of California
Central District of California

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

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TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE

- R&D Manager, Seagate Technology
- Assoc. Prof. (Engineering), Univ. of Queensland
- Engineer, Applied Magnetics Corp., and IBM Corp.
- Firearms Instructor and RSO (Military and Civilian)

PUBLICATIONS

- "Inter Partes Review Estoppel under 35 U.S.C. § 315(e)," *LexisNexis Practical Guidance (2025)*
- "Technical Expert Testimony in Inter Partes Review Proceedings" *LexisNexis Practical Guidance (2026)*
- "A Recent Patent Class on the Scope of IPR Estoppel at the PTAB", Journal of Business and Technology Law, Vol. 14, No. 1, pages 35-48 (2018)
- "Raising Healthy Patents", New Matter, State Bar of California, Vol. 39, No. 3, pages 14-18 (2014)
- "Attracting the World's Policemen to Protocol I Additional to the 1949 Geneva Conventions", U.S. Air Force Academy Journal of Legal Studies, Vol. 12, pages 103-137 (2003)
- "On the Convergence of U.S. and Australian Patent Law", Melbourne Journal of Int. Law, Vol. 14, No. 1, pages 35-48 (2001)
- Author of 25 publications in refereed scientific/engineering journals
- Named inventor on 11 issued US patents

IN THE NEWS

"Quoted by regional and national media as an independent technical expert on firearms technology."

Hawaii News Now featured Dr. Joshua Harrison after he testified as a firearms expert witness on the design and fabrication of a firearm involved in a fatal shooting. The segment includes an excerpt of his testimony on gun handling.