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Intellectual property attorney with deep expertise in IP protection for electronics and software inventions.

Experience

GaryWilliamsIP

Founder, 2025-present

IP consulting services including fractional IP counsel, IP soundboarding, licensing/collaborations, and patent portfolio management.

Morgan, Lewis, Bockius LLP

Partner, 2004-2025

My practice has been focused on patent prosecution, IP strategy counseling, portfolio management and licensing, covering technologies such as electronics, computer architecture, software, human-computer interfaces, digital signal processing, and integrated circuit memory design. I have authored and prosecuted thousands of patent applications, oversaw large domestic and foreign patent portfolios (e.g., including hundreds of applications in each of AU, CN, EP, IN, JP, KR, TW, WO), conducted patent reexaminations, oppositions, and reissue applications, and prepared prelitigation patent infringement and validity studies.

Pennie & Edmonds LLP

Partner, 1999-2003

Flehr, Hohbach, Test, Albritton & Herbert LLP

Associate 1982-1987, Partner 1987-1998

Patent and trademark prosecution with a fair amount of IP litigation as well. Managing partner for 9 years.

Signetics, Zilog, etc. (Before law school)

Hardware and Software design engineer, 1976-1979

I developed computer-aided design software for Signetics Corp. and worked on MOS dynamic memory circuit design for Signetics and Zilog Inc.

Education

- Harvard Law School, J.D., 1982
- Yale University, summa cum laude, B.S., 1976 (Physics, Engineering and Applied Science)

Admissions

- California
- US Patent and Trademark Office

Professional Recognition & Awards

- Ranked, Intellectual Property: Patent Prosecution, California, Chambers USA (2022–2025)
- Recommended, The Legal 500 US, Patents (2020, 2021, 2023–2025)
- Recognized, Elite Patent Practitioner, IAM Global Leaders (2019, 2022, 2024, 2025)
- Recognized, IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Professionals (2017–2025)
- Member, Practice Group of the Year, Intellectual Property, Law360 (2019, 2024)