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John Harmon's practice includes worldwide intellectual property counseling including patent prosecution, product clearance analysis, diligence, agreements and general intellectual property counseling.

Education

The University of Texas at Austin, BS, Mechanical Engineering, *summa cum laude*

California Institute of Technology, PhD, Materials Science & Engineering

Suffolk University Law School, JD, *summa cum laude*

Practice Groups

Chemical & Materials Technologies

Mechanical Technologies

Post-Grant Proceedings

John represents clients in industry and academia ranging from venture-backed startups to large corporations and academic institutions in a wide range of technologies related to the mechanical, materials and chemistry fields. John's strong technical skills combined with his deep knowledge of patent law and industry allows him to align client business goals with specific IP strategies crafted to meet those goals. Representative technologies that John has dealt with include medical devices, additive manufacturing, optics and imaging systems, sports and consumer products, microfluidics, active suspension systems, autonomous vehicles and systems, robotics, polymer processing methods, metallurgy, battery systems and materials, and renewable energy systems.

Prior to joining Wolf Greenfield, John was a consultant with a focus on batteries and general materials issues. During his graduate studies at the California Institute of Technology, John conducted research in materials processing and characterization of metallic glasses and composite materials.

Experience

- Worked with inventors to identify patentable concepts related to new polymer processing techniques and drafted an application to cover the identified concepts.
- Performed a patent landscape analysis and prepared an application in view of that analysis to capture the foundational technology for a startup company working on electrodepositing

of materials.

- Performed clearance and patentability studies for a medical device, and helped to develop possible design arounds for multiple patents held by competing companies.
- Worked with client's technical team to develop arguments related to non-infringement and invalidity of an asserted patent directed to a prosthetic ankle resulting in a favorable settlement for the client.
- Performed onsite interviews with inventors to identify key patentable features of a hydraulic actuator in view of identified prior art references in a crowded technology space.

Activities

- Boston Patent Law Association

Recognition

- *Suffolk Jurisprudence Award in Professional Responsibility*, Suffolk Law School
- *Suffolk Jurisprudence Award in Property*, Suffolk Law School
- *Suffolk Jurisprudence Award in Secured Transactions*, Suffolk Law School
- Dean's List, Suffolk University Law School
- Top graduate in Mechanical Engineering, The University of Texas
- Tau Beta Pi member, Engineering Honor Society