



Andrew J. Taska

PARTNER

ataska@sughrue.com

Washington, DC

202.857.3217

Drew is a partner in the Washington, D.C. office where he is a member of the firm's Electrical/Mechanical Patent group. Drew practices in all areas of patent law with an emphasis on preparing and prosecuting patent applications, including reexamination and reissue applications, international patent portfolio management, counseling clients on intellectual property matters, and patent litigation. He also prepares opinions in the areas of patentability, infringement and product clearance.

Drew has developed a broad range of technical expertise in areas including, but not limited to, optics, microprocessors, printing and scanning, image processing, digital recording media, automotive technologies, mobile communications, computer software and hardware, networking, green technologies, semiconductors, microlithography, thermodynamics, solid-state physics, sleep related technologies and the mechanical arts.

Drew is one of the firm's leaders in training client legal and technical staffs to implement strategies for successful prosecution before the USPTO and to develop IP management practices that will help achieve their business objectives. Drew also devotes a significant part of his practice to training and mentoring the firm's associates.

Drew plays an active role on the patent practice committees of several prominent IP professional organizations to stay at the forefront of the latest changes / proposed changes to U.S. patent laws and USPTO rules. He is also on the Board of Directors of the Association of Intellectual Property Firms.

Prior to joining Sughrue, Drew's experience included:

Burns, Doane, Swecker & Mathis, L.L.C., Summer Associate (2002) - drafted patent applications, filed amendments and responses to office actions, drafted patent claims and conducted prior art searches.

Brooks & Kushman, P.C., Summer Associate (2001) - assisted in drafting claim construction briefs, and summary judgment briefs; coordinated large document productions; assisted in filing amendments and responses to office actions.

Asset Management Consultants, Consultant (1999-2000) - helped to implement and design innovative software and hardware technologies for managing diverse real estate holdings.

Andersen Consulting, Analyst (1998-1999) - worked on large, complex technology deployments for Fortune 500 companies in the financial services and health care industries helping them to optimize their information technology infrastructure.

Services

- Electrical / Mechanical

Education

- University of North Carolina (J.D., *with honors*)
- Wake Forest University (B.A., *cum laude*)
 - Physics, with honors; History with honors

Bar Admissions

- Supreme Court of the United States
- U.S. Court of Appeals - Fourth Circuit
- District of Columbia
- Virginia
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Memberships

- American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) – Subcommittee on USPTO Rules, IP Practice in Latin America Committee, IP Practice in Japan Committee, Licensing and Management of IP Assets Committee, Patent-Relations with the USPTO Committee
- Intellectual Property Owners (IPO) – U.S. Patent Law Committee
- Virginia Bar Association
- DC Bar Association
- American Bar Association (ABA)
- Federal Circuit Bar Association
- Inter-American Association of Intellectual Property (ASIFI) - New Innovations Committee