



PATENT SERVICES: COUNSELING AND PROSECUTION

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Barnes & Thornburg's patent lawyers provide strategic counseling, patent prosecution, and patent litigation services for a wide range of businesses globally. With diverse legal, industry, and business experience, Barnes & Thornburg's patent attorneys assist domestic and international clients with virtually all aspects of their patent portfolio needs. We advise clients on procurement and enforcement, and have experience litigating in jurisdictions and forums throughout the U.S. and in many foreign countries.

Our strong record of patent procurement and enforcement, together with the group's legal and diverse technical experience, facilitates robust protection of our clients' IP interests and investments in technological innovations worldwide. As our clients' innovation and business needs rapidly evolve, our patent attorneys are well-prepared to advise on and design strategies to fit their business plans.

It's not as easy as it once was to obtain a patent. Our focus often turns to rendering patent validity and infringement opinions, due diligence investigations, and interference proceedings. We also provide support and technical guidance in patent litigation defense and other enforcement proceedings.

Our patent lawyers work with clients on the legal and technical aspects of innovations that are the focus of numerous industries, businesses and ventures. We also have significant experience working with large universities and small startup companies, partnering with them at the beginning of research and development projects to assist with protecting and leveraging their intellectual property. Barnes & Thornburg has experience designing mutually beneficial collaborative agreements between companies and universities to provide for ownership of patents resulting from collaboration.

Why Barnes & Thornburg?

Finding new ways to help clients identify solutions and new business opportunities, across industries, is at our core. We are, at times, more than lawyers, we are advisers bringing new ideas to light. We understand what keeps you up at night and work collaboratively to find practical and creative solutions, at the heart of business.

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From our offices around the U.S. and together with a network of foreign legal counsel, we serve entrepreneurs, closely held businesses and large corporate clients. Whether preparing claim amendments, ability arguments or conducting personal interviews with patent examiners, the patent practice in our Washington, D.C., office also greatly enhances the effectiveness of our firm's prosecution efforts on behalf of our clients, including interference practice, petition matters and Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) matters.