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Practice Areas

- Intellectual Property
- Startups and Emerging Companies

Biography

Greg Williams has a comprehensive intellectual property practice which includes patents, trademarks and copyrights. Mr. Williams' practice includes, among other things, acquisition and litigation assistance for patent, trademark and copyright litigation, as well as counseling clients on validity and infringement.

For eleven years prior to joining the firm, Mr. Williams was in-house counsel at Rockwell Collins in Cedar Rapids. As Patent Counsel for Rockwell's commercial aviation electronics businesses, Mr. Williams was involved with all aspects of intellectual property law, including patent and trademark application preparation and prosecution, licensing negotiations, validity and infringement opinions, litigation support and the intellectual property aspects of mergers and acquisitions.

For approximately nine months in 2009, Mr. Williams returned to Rockwell Collins as "Acting Patent Counsel" on a temporary and part-time basis until several key vacancies in the legal department were filled.

Mr. Williams has worked with various technologies, including electronics, computers, software, optics, mechanical devices, and others. He has lectured extensively on the subject of software patents.

Mr. Williams has served on the Board of the University of Iowa Small Business Development Center and has been a weekly Meals on Wheels volunteer driver for more than 20 years. A native of northwest Iowa, Mr. Williams makes frequent trips between Iowa City and Lake Okoboji and enjoys stopping in to visit clients as he travels across the state.

Bar Admissions

- State of Iowa, 1985
- Registered to Practice Before U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 1984

Education

- University of Iowa College of Law, JD, 1985
- University of Iowa, BA 1982, MBA 1997
    - BA, Physics

Representative Experience

- In-house counsel at Rockwell Collins for 11 years, serving as Patent Counsel for commercial aviation electronics businesses.
- Managed all aspects of intellectual property law including preparation and prosecution of patent and trademark applications, licensing negotiations, litigation support, and IP strategy during mergers and acquisitions.
- Returned to Rockwell Collins in 2009 as Acting Patent Counsel on a temporary and part-time basis.
- Experienced in multiple technologies including electronics, computers, software, optics, and mechanical devices.

Professional Affiliations

- Iowa State Bar Association
    - Intellectual Property Law Section
    - Trade Regulation Section
- Johnson County Bar Association
- Iowa Intellectual Property Law Association
    - President, 1999
    - President-Elect, 1998
    - Board of Governors, 1988-1991

Honors & Awards

- Included in the Best Lawyers® “Lawyer of the Year” list for Cedar Rapids, 2018 & 2020
    - Patent Law
    - Included in the Best Lawyers in America® list, 2027
        - Litigation – Intellectual Property
        - Patent Law
- Included in Great Plains Super Lawyers list, 2017-2020, 2022-2026
    - Intellectual Property Law

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