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Rob is an intellectual property attorney who helps technology companies—particularly those developing advanced software, cellular and wireless technologies, electrical and complex mechanical devices, and optoelectronics—protect and leverage their innovations.

Drawing on his background in electrical engineering and business, Rob advises on every phase of patent procurement, from identifying patentable inventions to managing global portfolios and collaborating with patent offices around the world to secure robust protection.

In addition to obtaining patents, Rob counsels clients on software licensing, as well as trademark and copyright matters. He frequently conducts infringement analyses, performs due diligence for corporate transactions, and represents clients in disputes before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board and federal courts. Before practicing law, Rob spent five years in engineering, working on real-time embedded systems and wireless communications—technical experience that underpins his ability to translate complex technologies into commercially meaningful IP strategies.

Education

J.D., University of Michigan Law School

Services

IP & Technology
Artificial Intelligence
Commercial & IP
Transactions
Communications, Telecom &
Media
Copyright & Trademark
Emerging Companies
Intellectual Property
Litigation
Patent Litigation
Patents
Transportation & Logistics
Yachts, Ships &
Submersibles

Admissions

Oregon, 2010
Idaho, 2019
U.S. District Court, District of
Oregon
U.S. Patent and Trademark
Office

- Michigan Telecommunications and Technology Law Review, Associate Editor

M.B.A., University of Utah

- Lassonde Entrepreneur Institute for New Venture Development

B.S., Oregon State University (*cum laude*), Electrical Engineering

- OSU Presidential Scholar
- IEEE Chapter President
- Eta Kappa Nu Electrical and Computer Engineering Honor Society

Honors & Recognition

IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Practitioners, 2020–present

Rising Star, Oregon Super Lawyers®, Intellectual Property, Intellectual Property Litigation, 2020

Forty Under 40 Honoree, Portland Business Journal, 2019

Professional Activities

Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), Member

- Intellectual Property Committee (IPC)

Oregon State Bar, Intellectual Property Section, Member

Oregon Patent Law Association, Member

The Optical Society (OSA), Columbia Section, Board of Directors

- Treasurer

Community Activities

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Utah, Former Member

Ford Scholars Alumni Association Board of Directors, Former Board of Directors

Oregon State University School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Industry Advisory Board

Technology Association of Oregon Advocacy Committee

TiE (The Indus Entrepreneurs) Young Entrepreneurs, Former Mentor

News

Robert R. Teel Recognized in IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Practitioners
Foster Garvey Newsroom, 6.27.25

Foster Garvey Welcomes Robert R. Teel to Commercial & IP Practice in Portland
Foster Garvey Newsroom, 10.21.24

Speaking Engagements

The IP Strategy Summit
Event
Seattle, WA, 4.9.25

Experience

Handled IP aspects for sale of privately held technology company to Japanese multinational conglomerate company.

IP specialist for \$100 million acquisition of company and its patent portfolio of over 100 properties.

Representation of a large private company in negotiating and drafting long-term SaaS and associated software implementation service contracts in connection with re-platforming its direct-to-consumer ecommerce website.

Representation of a private company in negotiating agreements in connection with obtaining an inventor assignment and exclusive long-term supply commitments of products relating to patent-pending technologies.

Representation of a company in developing a key patent portfolio for soft-switching circuitry forming the basis of an angel-backed spinoff.

Representation of a large private company subject to an aggressive patent licensing program that included a patent infringement suit. Rob analyzed the patent portfolio and prior art while preparing a petition as lead counsel for inter partes review (IPR). Result: favorable settlement

avoiding costly litigation.

Prepared and successfully procured domestic and foreign patents across a broad field of electrical arts encompassing electronic circuitry, electro-optical and laser systems, medical devices, visual pattern recognition, video processing, computer networks and software, processor architectures, USB host controller design, cloud-based and Internet-centric business methods, data mining, 3GPP LTE and various WWAN/WLAN wireless communications standards and related datalink technologies, machine-to-machine (M2M) and machine-type communications (MTC), Internet of Things (IoT) technologies, lighting devices, semiconductor wafer processing, liquid crystal devices and display systems, robotic equipment and data readers. Representative U.S. procurement successes:

- S. Patent No. 10,367,413, “Resonant System Controller and Cycle-By-Cycle Predictive Soft Switching”
- S. Patent No. 9,813,077, “Asynchronous Electrical Circuitry Techniques for Producing Stationary Carrier Signal to Encode Input Signal Amplitude Into Output Signal Time-Sequence Information”
- S. Patent No. 9,607,609, “Method and Apparatus to Synthesize Voice Based on Facial Structures”
- S. Patent No. 9,573,313, “Extruder Screw Shaft Alignment Apparatus and Method”
- S. Patent No. 9,544,964, “Lighting Devices Employing Class-E Power Amplifier for Inductive Power and Data Transfer in High-Moisture Operating Environments”
- S. Patent No. 9,519,810, “Calibration and Self-Test in Automated Data Reading Systems”
- S. Patent No. 9,495,571, “Two-Dimensional Representation of Linear Barcode Derived From Laser Barcode Scanner Scanline Data”
- S. Patent No. 9,482,488, “Illuminated Reticle System for a Rifle Scope or Other Aimed Optical Device”
- S. Patent No. 9,424,480, “Object Identification Using Optical Code Reading and Object Recognition”
- S. Patent No. 9,025,445, “Machine Type Communication Monitoring Framework for 3GPP Systems”
- S. Patent No. 8,752,768, “Systems and Methods for Reading Color Optical Codes”
- S. Patent No. 8,521,934, “Multi-Port Context-Based Host Controller”