

# Reversed Examiner Claim Rejections Based on Obviousness With Appeal to Patent Trial and Appeal Board

Partner Joe Heino prosecuted the seminal patent for modular outdoor hardscaping (i.e., backyard fireplaces, pizza ovens, fire pits, kitchen cabinets, retaining walls, and sitting areas, all made from pavers), which allows for these structures to be made at the factory, moved to location, and completed there. In other words, they are not made wholly from scratch onsite, which is time consuming and subject to the elements. The patent is active and, after purchase by another company, further patent protection is being sought based on the original concept.

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