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“As an engineer-turned-attorney, I protect the innovative function and appearance of your products.”

Sam concentrates his practice in patent, trademark, and trade secret law. He is group leader of Howard & Howard's Intellectual Property practice.

Over the course of his career, he has prepared and prosecuted an extraordinary array of patent applications for mechanical and electro-mechanical systems, including automotive interiors; braking, cable, pedal, seating, and steering assemblies; vehicle door and window seals; vehicle shifters; axles; climate control systems; extruders; bottle-filling machines; printing presses; garage cabinets; crash-test dummies; fiber optic cables; marine products; medical devices; and semi-automatic firearms. Sam has also prosecuted numerous computer algorithm and method-of-doing-business patent applications.

<h2>Intellectual Property</h2>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patents• Automotive• Trademarks• Intellectual Property Litigation• Mergers & Acquisitions• Business & Corporate
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He has drafted and negotiated numerous patent and trademark licenses on behalf of licensors and licensees and been involved in various IP due diligence projects for a number of mergers and acquisitions.

Sam regularly trains and mentors law students through Howard & Howard's Intellectual Property Intern Program. The Firm's unique law clerk arrangement brings candidates with engineering or equivalent technical degrees to work full-time in its IP practice while attending law school. He and his IP colleagues

have worked to position this program as a model for the industry.

Representative Matters

- Co-counsel for the patent holder in the noted *KSR Int. v. Teleflex Inc.* intellectual property case in which the U.S. Supreme Court made its seminal ruling concerning the issues of obviousness as applied to patent claims.

Education

- Detroit College of Law, 1998
 - J.D., *cum laude*
- University of Central Florida, 1993
 - B.S., Aerospace Engineering

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- State Bar of Michigan
 - Intellectual Property Law Section

Admissions

- Michigan, 1998
- Supreme Court of the United States, 2007
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 1998
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, 1998

Professional Achievements

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 2021-2022
- *Michigan Leading Lawyers*, 2017-2021
- *Managing IP*, "IP Star," 2013-2015; 2021
- *dbusiness*, "Top Lawyers," 2012-2014; 2016; 2020
- *Michigan Super Lawyers*, 2011-2019
- *Michigan Super Lawyers*, "Rising Stars," 2008
- "Patent, Trademark, and Copyright." *Michigan Institute of Continuing Legal Education Business Forms Book*, Co-author, Vol. 2, 2017, Ch.13.