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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.

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.

Intellectual Property

- Automotive
- Business and Corporate
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Patent
- Trademark

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*®, 2021-2027
- Michigan *Leading Lawyers*, 2017-2023
 - Advisory Board, 2024-2025
 - "Detroit 500 Most Powerful Leaders," 2025
- *Managing IP*, "IP Star," 2013-2015; 2021
- *dbusiness*, "Top Lawyers," 2012-2014; 2016; 2020; 2024
- 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.