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Brian is a Patent Attorney at Quinn IP Law with notable experience in both law and technology. Having spent several years of his career as a project engineer, Brian has a particular understanding of the scope of his clients' business goals and challenges - from achieving market share to ensuring the quality of a product. He prides himself on demonstrating integrity and accountability in each interaction with clients, whether he's recommending a legal course of action or providing a design-around consultation for a new patent. This approach leads to both innovative solutions and long-term client relationships based upon mutual respect and trust.

In his work with Quinn, Brian specializes in preparing and prosecuting patent applications, counseling clients on US and foreign patent strategy and coordinating the filing and prosecution of foreign matters, providing opinions and analyses on patentability, infringement and validity, and working directly with inventors to develop patentable subject matter. He has provided expert guidance on multiple technologies including steering, fuel, climate control, and powertrain systems, vehicle control methods, suspensions, and axle components, fastener assemblies, archery products, shoes, and gaming systems. One of Brian's most notable achievements is working with Vortek Products to develop a valuable patent portfolio for a line of performance enhancement kits for air guns.

Before joining Quinn IP Law, Brian served as an Associate Attorney at Howard & Howard P.C., where he conducted prior art searches, prepared and prosecuted patent applications, filed and prosecuted trademark applications, and conducted competitor investigations. Prior to beginning his legal career, Brian spent several years as a Project Manager and Project Engineer with Wade-Trim Inc., where he managed all phases of high-visibility civil engineering projects, from design, cost estimation, and scheduling to quality control. Brian's engineering work focused on the development and construction of roads and infrastructure, airport runways and taxiways, storm-water and drainage systems, and municipal sanitary sewers and water mains.

Brian holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Michigan State University, and earned his Juris Doctor at the Michigan State University College of Law, where he graduated cum laude. He is admitted to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the U.S. District Court - Eastern District Michigan. He is also a member of the State Bar of Michigan, the Michigan Intellectual Property Law Association, and the International Trademark Association.

Practice Areas

Patent Prosecution
Patent Portfolio Management
Technical Design and Consulting
Trademark Selection and Registration

Technical Areas

Automotive, Aerospace & Transportation
Clean & Green Technology
Consumer Goods
Electronics & Computer Technology
Industrial, Manufacturing & Materials Science
Medical Devices
Robotics & Automation

Education

J.D., Michigan State University, College of Law
B.S., Michigan State University, Civil Engineering

Admissions & Memberships

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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