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Les is an Intellectual Property Attorney at Quinn IP Law, where he brings more than two decades of corporate engineering, management and in-house legal experience. In addition to his skills in patent drafting, prosecution and opinion work in a wide range of technologies, he has deep expertise in three particular areas: (1) leading brainstorming sessions with inventors to help them expand, harvest and protect their inventions; (2) complex technology-related transactions (including multi-party international JV/M&A deals); and (3) portfolio mining and monetization.

Prior to joining Quinn IP Law, Les worked at several large corporations including Ford Motor Company, Visteon Corporation, General Motors Corporation and multiple business units of GE. He understands the priorities and concerns of in-house counsels because of his own years of experience in that same type of role. He has worked on various mechanical, electromechanical, software and controls-related technologies in areas such as engines, transmissions, hybrid powertrains, fuel cells, semiconductor fabrication, circuit boards and connectors, mechatronics, chemical processes, plastics, manufacturing and assembly processes, transportation systems, medical imaging and medical devices.

Les has lived and worked in Michigan, Wisconsin, Florida, Texas, Massachusetts, Virginia, Illinois and Japan, and he has travelled extensively throughout Europe and Asia. Because of his love of learning and teaching, Les has served as an Adjunct Instructor multiple times at two different colleges. In his spare time, he enjoys teaching others how to trade stock options, and playing guitar and bass at church and in garage bands.

Les received his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Virginia Tech, and graduated *cum laude* from Marquette University Law School where he founded the school's Intellectual Property Law Society and was a Faculty Scholar Award recipient. He is admitted to the State Bar of Michigan and is registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Practice Areas

Patent Prosecution
Patent Enforcement
Patent Portfolio Management
Technical Design and Consulting
Copyrights
IP Due Diligence
Licensing & Joint Development
Startup and Early Stage Consulting
Trade Secrets and Unfair Competition

Technical Areas

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

Education

J.D., Marquette University Law School, *cum laude*
B.S.M.E., Virginia Tech, Mechanical Engineering

Admissions & Memberships

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
State Bar of Michigan
Michigan Intellectual Property Law Association