



**Christopher W. Quinn**  
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Chris founded Quinn IP Law with the desire to create a specialized intellectual property law firm that prioritizes top-quality service rather than the typical law firm model which measures success by accruing billable hours. Having worked extensively with in-house counsel throughout his career, Chris and his team understand companies' needs for first-class yet cost-efficient IP services, and the significant role intellectual property can play in a company's ability to achieve business goals. Chris offers end-to-end intellectual property solutions, from assessing patentability and preparing applications to providing infringement and validity opinions, portfolio design and optimization, and transaction support. He has hands-on experience in a range of technological fields, giving him the knowledge and insight necessary to advise clients on both legal and technical matters affecting their IP portfolios. Chris employs a holistic approach in his practice to help clients strategically manage and capitalize upon their intellectual property assets.

Prior to starting Quinn IP Law, Chris was a partner at a large IP firm, where he provided domestic and foreign patent portfolio management and litigation services as well as validity and infringement opinions. He also worked in plastics manufacturing, tooling and powertrain engineering at Ford Motor Company and General Motors Corporation, where he gained invaluable exposure to the business and technical challenges of engineering and manufacturing. Early in his career Chris clerked for the Honorable Justice Roland Day of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, a well-regarded products liability firm, and Ford Motor Company's Intellectual Property department. Chris's diverse legal and technical experience, ranging from tech start-ups in a multitude of different technologies to Fortune 100 companies, enables him to provide expert guidance to his clients in maximizing the value of intellectual property and leveraging it effectively to enhance a company's market position.

Chris currently lectures at the University of Michigan, teaching ENTR530 Innovation and IP Strategy, which covers topics such as Patents, Trademarks, Copyrights, Trade Secrets, Tech Transfer, Due Diligence, Litigation, and Licensing.

Chris holds a Bachelor of Science degree with honors in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Michigan, and graduated cum laude with a Juris Doctor from the University of Wisconsin. He has been recognized as a "Super Lawyer"—one of the top 5% of lawyers in the State of Michigan—for the past ten years, and has been named a "World's Leading Patent Professional" in the IAM Patent 1000, and a "Leading Patent Prosecutor" by Patent Research Review. Chris was also selected by his peers as a DBusiness "Top Lawyer in Metro Detroit."

## **Practice Areas**

Patent Prosecution  
Patent Enforcement  
Patent Portfolio Management  
Technical Design and Consulting  
Trademark Portfolio Management  
IP Due Diligence  
Legal Professional Services  
Licensing & Joint Development  
Startup and Early Stage Consulting

## **Technical Areas**

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

## **Education**

J.D., University of Wisconsin, *cum laude*  
B.S., University of Michigan, Mechanical Engineering, *with honors*

## **Awards**

Recognized "Super Lawyer" for 10 consecutive years  
Named an IAM Patent 1000 2016 - World's Leading Patent Professional  
Recognized "Leading Patent Prosecutor" by Patent Research Review  
Recognized "IP Stars" by Managing Intellectual Property  
Voted by his peers as a DBusiness "Top Lawyer in Metro Detroit"

## **Admissions & Memberships**

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
U.S. District Court - Eastern District Michigan  
State Bar of Michigan  
State Bar of Wisconsin  
American Bar Association Section of Intellectual Property Law  
Michigan Intellectual Property Law Association  
American Intellectual Property Law Association  
International Trademark Association

## **Teaching Experience**

Lecturer, University of Michigan, *ENTR530 Innovation and IP Strategy*