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Practice Areas: Intellectual Property; Patent Prosecution; Patent Trial & Appeal Board; Trademark Prosecution

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Experience: Patterson + Sheridan, LLP

Preston brings a breadth of practical experience to the table when he is helping clients meet and define their goals. Preston uses that experience with his business acumen to add value to clients' intellectual property portfolios and to assist those clients in meeting their business goals. Included in that experience are projects designing medical equipment, manufacturing tools, and specialized tools used by astronauts working on the International Space Station. Preston also has experience designing and writing software, as well as supporting enterprise software installations for a Fortune 500 corporation.

Additionally, Preston has drafted and prosecuted more than 250 patent applications in the United States and foreign jurisdictions. As part of this work, Preston advised inventors and clients regarding patentability of inventions and drafted standards-essential patents that provide a significant revenue stream of licensing fees.

Preston's practice emphasizes the mechanical, electrical, electro-mechanical, and software arts. He has drafted patent applications in diverse fields including: down-hole sensing utilizing fiber-optic instruments; cellular communications, including 3G, 4G, and 5G technologies; wireless networking, including Wi-Fi and Wi-Max; tools for vacuum deposition, including chemical vapor deposition and plasma-enhanced vapor deposition; security software; and integrated circuit packaging technologies. Preston has also drafted and prosecuted trademark applications, drafted and negotiated contracts not to oppose trademark registration, and advised clients regarding copyright and fair use exceptions.

Corporate Experience

- LyondellBasell: E-mail Administrator and IT Technologist
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- Lockheed: Design Engineer
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