

Joel A. Austin

Partner

Joel Austin focuses his practice in the area of intellectual property law, with an emphasis on patent defense, enforcement, and prosecution of mechanical and electrical technologies. He has comprehensive experience in various legal proceedings to invalidate or uphold issued patents, including trial experience with *Inter Partes* Review trials in front of the United States Patent Trial and Appeal Board and appeals to the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

He begins each client relationship by acquiring an in-depth understanding of the client's business, ultimate intellectual property objectives, and the technology at hand.

- Develops patent enforcement and defense strategies.
- Handles appeals to the United States Patent Trial and Appeal Board and the Federal Circuit.
- Counsels clients in the development of intellectual property rights.
- Supports patent litigation involving mechanical and electrical technologies.
- Drafts and prosecutes mechanical and electrical patent applications.
- Member of the Intellectual Property Litigation team.

Technical Experience

Mr. Austin's technical experience includes working as a mechanical engineer with DRS Power and Control Technologies, formerly Eaton/Cutler-Hammer: Navy Controls Division.

Representative cases include:

- *Rexnord Industries, LLC v. Kappos*, 705 F.3d 1347 (Fed. Cir. 2013).
- IPR2013-00288
- IPR2014-00187
- IPR2014-00190

Legal Services

- [Intellectual Property Strategic Counseling](#)
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Education and Honors

- Marquette University Law School (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2006)
 - Marquette Law Review (Technical Editor, 2005-2006; Associate Editor 2004–2005).
 - American Bar Association (Section of Intellectual Property Law and The Bureau of National Affairs, Inc.: Award for Excellence in the Study of Intellectual Property Law, 2005)
 - Intellectual Property Law Section of the State Bar of Wisconsin Memorial Writing Competition: First Place, "Examining the Policy and Potential Impact of the 'Cooperative Research and Technology Enhancement Act of 2004': Congress' Latest Attempt To Promote Cooperative Research"
 - ASCAP Nathan Burkan Memorial Competition: First Place, "Re-Hanging the Corporate Veil: Shielding Corporate Actors from Secondary Copyright Liability."
- University of Wisconsin (B.S.M.E., *magna cum laude*, 2002)
 - Major: Mechanical Engineering

Bar Admissions

- Wisconsin

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit, 2014
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 7th Circuit, 2007
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 2006

Professional and Civic Activities

- Invention 2 Venture – Presenter (multiple dates)
- Inter Partes Review: Practical Strategies for Business Decisions – Presenter (Jan. 2014)
- State Bar of Wisconsin (Member, Intellectual Property Section)
- Milwaukee Bar Association (Member, Intellectual Property Section)