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About Tom

Strategic patent counsel and team player

Tom Krumenacher advises clients on U.S. and foreign patents. He has extensive experience preparing, prosecuting and evaluating patents for electro-mechanical, electrical, mechanical and software inventions. The technologies with which Tom has worked include:

- **Machine vision systems**, methods and related software control algorithms
- **Lift truck systems** and related controls
- **LED lighting** for OEM and aftermarket applications
- **Printing equipment**, including web-based and hand-held printers and related software control algorithms
- **Neurostimulation systems**, methods and software controls for a variety of therapeutic treatments, including implantable and non-implantable systems
- **Industrial automation controls**
- **Pneumatic valves and pneumatic systems**
- **Medical benefits software**
- **Microfiche viewers and associated software**
- **Video projector systems** and related controls
- **Aircraft wing configurations**
- **Water treatment systems** and methods
- **Modular rock-climbing walls** and related accessories
- **Woodworking equipment and tools**

Education and Honors

Northwestern University,
Kellogg School of
Management, Certificate,
Quarles & Brady Leadership
Program (2016)

Marquette University Law
School (J.D., *cum laude*,
2004)

- Marquette Intellectual
Property Law Review,
Lead Articles Editor
- Marquette Intellectual
Property Law Review,
Member
- Intellectual Property Law
Society, Member
- CALI Excellence for the
Future Award, Recipient
for highest score in
Patent Litigation

Milwaukee School of
Engineering (M.S.E.M., *with
honors*, 1998)

Milwaukee School of
Engineering (B.S.E.T.E., *with
honors*, 1990)

Waukesha County Technical
College (A.A.S.E.T., 1987)

Bar Admissions

Wisconsin





- **Consumer goods**

Tom collaborates closely with clients, acting as a member of their IP team and working to get a precise understanding of how they drive business growth and value through their patent and other IP assets. With this in mind, he develops patent filing, defense and management strategies to align with a client's business goals.

Tom is the Milwaukee and Minneapolis office chair for the Intellectual Property Practice Group.

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin

U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Experience in Action

- **Advising on patent prosecution and defense.**
- **Crafting opinions on patent infringement and validity matters.**
- **Providing patent litigation support.**
- **Developing strategic patent portfolio filing strategies**, based on both U.S. and foreign patent filings, a knowledge of the market position of a given invention and a client's entire portfolio.
- **Providing patent landscape analysis**, including due diligence reviews and freedom-to-operate reviews.
- **Managing IP audits and evaluations**, working with clients to make sure their internal patenting processes are up to date, capturing developments going on in their engineering departments and assuring invention disclosures are providing appropriate information with which to seek patents.
- **Conducting due diligence and IP evaluations for transactions**, developing an understanding of the landscape of the buyer and/or seller for mergers, acquisitions (M&A) and other transactions.





Capabilities

Intellectual Property Litigation

Technology Transfer

Financial Institutions Litigation

Intellectual Property

Patent

Patent - High Tech

Patent - Manufacturing

Patent - University Research and Technology Transfer

Research Institutions & Higher Education

Professional Recognitions

- *Best Lawyers in America*® (2020-present: Patent Law)
- *IAM Patent 1000 Wisconsin* (2023)

Professional & Civic Activities

- State Bar of Wisconsin, member
- Wisconsin Intellectual Property Law Association, member
- American Bar Association, member
- Milwaukee School of Engineering Alumni Association, past president
- Milwaukee School of Engineering Alumni Association board of directors, past Wisconsin area director
- City of Pewaukee Board of Review, past chairman of the board
- Greater Brookfield Chamber of Commerce board of directors, past chairman of the board
- Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinic, volunteer attorney (2011-2013)
- Sojourner Family Peace Center - Restraining Order Clinic, volunteer attorney (2011-2014)
- Guardianship Clinic, volunteer attorney (2010-present)
- *IAM Patent 1000, Wisconsin* (2022)

