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Experience

Ian McMillan is a partner, lawyer and patent agent with 20 years of experience. Ian's practice focuses on patent and technology law, particularly obtaining and evaluating intellectual property rights for clients in the high technology and mechanical fields, assisting clients with intellectual property and technology transactions, enforcement of intellectual property rights and avoiding infringement of third party intellectual property rights.

Ian helps clients in a wide variety of technologies including image processing software, medical and dental imaging, image compression software, data encryption software, emulator systems and software, computer-based mechanical control systems, bioinformatics, automotive, audio and acoustic technology, fuel-cells, fluid mechanics, wind turbines, LEDs, humidity controls, injection moulding, metal recycling, cosmetics, computer-implemented business methods, optometry, mass spectrometry and radar systems. Other lawyers and patent agents often refer clients to Ian when the technology at issue is highly mathematical. However, most of his work comes from referrals from existing clients.

Ian also advises his clients on other IP issues, including copyright, trade secrets, and trademarks. Ian obtained first class honours for his Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Engineering at Queen's University. He was awarded two NSERC Undergraduate Research Grants: one to research exhaust gas heat dispersion and the other to research logic and discrete mathematics (graph theory). He was also awarded several scholarships by the Faculty of Engineering and the Mathematics Department at Queen's University.

Ian is active with the Intellectual Property Institute of Canada (IPIC) and has contributed extensively to patent education in Canada. Ian has been a tutor at the annual IPIC-McGill University Patent Course. Ian also served as a tutor for

Practice Groups

- Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- Cleantech
- Electrical & Computer Technology
- Financial Technology
- Industrial Designs
- Mechanical & Industrial Processes
- Patents

Education

- LL.M., University of Toronto, 2001
- LL.B., University of Toronto, 1993
- B.Sc. (Math & Eng.), Queen's University, 1990

Qualifications

- Registered Canadian Trademark Agent, 2005
- Registered Canadian Patent Agent, 1997
- Registered United States Patent Agent, 1997
- Admitted to the New York Bar, 1996
- Admitted to the Ontario Bar, 1995
- Admitted to the British Columbia Bar, 1995

Professional Memberships

- American Bar Association (ABA)
- American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)
- Intellectual Property Institute of Canada (IPIC), Associate
- International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI)
- Law Society of Ontario (LSO)
- Peel Law Association



several years with the IPIC Committee that provides annual patent agent training sessions.

Recent Articles

- Substantiating Environmental Claims in the Cleantech Industry
- Staking your Claim: Defining and Enabling your Invention to get a Priority Date
- Go your own way: Canadian Patent Office instructs examiners to disregard Supreme Court of Canada precedent in construing claims
- Sequenom: Patentability Implications for Computer-Implemented Technologies
- U.S. Federal Circuit Clarifies Requirements for Direct Infringement of a Patented Method Where Not All Steps Performed

Accolades

- 25 Bereskin & Parr Lawyers Listed in 2022 Best Lawyers in Canada
- 21 Bereskin & Parr Professionals Listed in 2021 Best Lawyers in Canada