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## Experience

Paul Horbal is a partner with Bereskin & Parr LLP. He is a member of the firm's Electrical & Computer Technology group and is Chair of the Financial Technology group. His practice focuses on patent, industrial design and technology law, with an emphasis on securing and leveraging intellectual property rights for high-tech and Fintech clients.

He advises clients of various sizes, but particularly enjoys working with startups and high-tech entrepreneurs. In addition to his work preparing and prosecuting patents, Paul advises clients regarding their intellectual property licensing needs.

He has prepared and filed patent applications relating to block chain technology, payment processing, telecommunications systems, integrated circuits, digital signal processing, biomedical and biomonitoring devices, power systems and power electronics, computer networks, computer software, along with many other technologies.

Paul is a member of the Ontario Bar Association (OBA) Executive Committee on Practice Innovation & Technology, Sub-Committee on Curating Technology. He is also a member of the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA). Paul is former Chair of the Toronto Intellectual Property Group, Vice-President of the Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Association of Toronto.

Paul has been a faculty member for the Osgoode Certificate in Blockchains, Smart Contracts and the Law (2018/2019), an educational course developed for lawyers, business leaders, managers and influencers with an interest in blockchain technology.

He speaks and writes regularly regarding intellectual property and is an active tweeter (@horbal).

## Recent Articles

- AI and Copyright in Canada: authorship, liability, and TDMs
- Consultation on Copyright, AI, and IoT now open
- Comparing the Canadian and European Approaches to the

## Practice Groups

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

## Education

J.D., University of Toronto, 2008  
M.Sc. (Elec. Eng.), University of Calgary, 2005

## Qualifications

Registered Canadian Patent Agent, 2010  
Registered United States Patent Agent, 2010  
Admitted to the Ontario Bar, 2009

## Professional Memberships

American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)  
Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)  
Intellectual Property Institute of Canada (IPIC), Associate  
Law Society of Ontario (LSO)  
Ontario Bar Association (OBA)  
Toronto Computer Lawyers' Group (TCLG)  
Toronto Intellectual Property Group (TIPG)



Patentability of Computer-Implemented Inventions

- Patent Lessons from the Google v. Oracle API Dispute
- When is There an “Actual Invention” Involving Computers?

#### **Accolades**

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