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### Experience

Philip C. Mendes da Costa is a partner with Bereskin & Parr LLP and Leader of the Mechanical & Industrial Processes practice group.

Philip advises clients on the development and implementation of strategic IP portfolio creation and management. His experience includes obtaining patent, industrial design and trademark rights for clients around the world. He has in-depth knowledge in a variety of areas including consumer products, oil and gas extraction and petroleum refining, mining including extraction and ore processing, water treatment and purification, petrochemicals, syngas production, seismic exploration, and gas scrubbing.

Philip was the Chair of the Organizing Committee for the International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI) 2014 Congress in Toronto, a member of the Membership Committee of AIPPI, a member of the Standing Committee on Patents (Q228) of AIPPI, a member of CET3 of the International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys (FICPI), a member of the Professional Excellence Commission of FICPI, President of the Financial Advisory Board of FICPI and a member of the Organizing Committee for the FICPI 2018 World Congress in Toronto. Philip is a recipient of the AIPPI Award of Merit and the Client Choice award. Philip is a past Chair of the Canadian Bar Association's (CBA) National Intellectual Property Section, and has sat on the CBA's Executive of the National Sections Council. In addition, Philip has held various positions on Ontario Bar Association (OBA) committees.

### Recent Articles

- FICPI Urges the Adoption of a Grace Period Creating a Level Playing Field for Inventors
- How Do You Know When You Have Something To

### Practice Groups

Automotive  
Cannabis  
Chemical  
Financial Technology  
Industrial Designs  
Licensing & Transactions  
Mechanical & Industrial Processes  
Medical Devices  
Oil & Gas  
Patents  
Trademarks

### Education

LL.B., Osgoode Hall Law School, 1984  
B.Sc. (Chem. Eng.), Queen's University, 1981

### Qualifications

Registered Canadian Patent Agent, 1988  
Registered United States Patent Agent, 1988  
Registered Canadian Trademark Agent, 1987  
Admitted to the Ontario Bar, 1986  
Professional Engineer (P.Eng.)

### Professional Memberships

Canadian Energy Pipeline Association (CEPA)  
Canadian Heavy Oil Association (CHOA)  
Canadian Society of Chemical Engineering (CSCHE)  
Chemical Institute of Canada  
Intellectual Property Institute of Canada (IPIC), Fellow  
International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI)  
International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys (FICPI)  
The Lawyers Club



Protect?

- Software-Based Patents – Where do they stand in Canada?
- Not All Grace Periods are the Same
- New helicopter landing gear is grounded

### **Accolades**

- Bereskin & Parr Recognized in IAM Patent 1000 2019
- Managing Intellectual Property recognizes Bereskin & Parr and its professionals in the 2019 edition of IP STARS
- Thirteen Bereskin & Parr Professionals Recognized in Who's Who Legal Patents 2019
- 22 Bereskin & Parr Professionals Listed in the Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory 2019
- 18 Bereskin & Parr Professionals Listed in 2019 Best Lawyers in Canada