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Clients appreciate Jay's holistic and inventive approach to optimizing the value of their intellectual property portfolios. He collaborates with clients at all stages of development—from startup entrepreneurs to teams of engineers at Fortune 500 companies—to secure, manage and protect their IP, devising and implementing results-oriented strategies in order to provide peace of mind that those assets are secure.

Well regarded for his skill in drafting and negotiating patent licensing agreements, agreements of sale, confidentiality agreements and non-disclosure agreements, Jay is also known for his experience and aptitude in performing due diligence, patentability, validity, and state-of-the-art analyses and opinions.

Jay's keen analytical instincts also come into play in advising and evaluating startups. Whether his client is seeking to raise capital or invest it, his pragmatic counsel stems from plentiful hands-on experience.

Jay is well versed in the international regulations of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and partners with foreign attorneys and businesses throughout Europe and Asia to facilitate their IP needs in the United States. Notably, he has counseled Japanese businesses for more than 20 years, resulting in a dedicated service group within the firm. Ever mindful of the cost and competitive pressures faced by foreign clients, Jay continuously strives to deliver IP services with speed and superlative service.

**IP Services**

- Design Patents
- IP Due Diligence
- IP Litigation
- Licensing and Monetization
- Opinions
- Patent Acquisitions
- Patent Prosecution
- Portfolio Management
- Post-Grant Proceedings
- Privacy and Data Security
- Standards
- Strategic Counseling

**Technologies**

- Computer Technology Software and Business Methods
- Electrical Technology and Components

**Education**

- Widener University School of Law/Delaware Law School, J.D.
- Villanova University, B.S., Electrical Engineering

## Previous Work and Industry Experience

Jay worked for six years as an electrical engineer for the Philadelphia Electric Company (PECO) while simultaneously earning his J.D. from Widener University School of Law.

## Experience

Jay's work spans multiple technologies, including:

- MPEG and wireless communication systems
- Communication system protocols
- Microwave systems and components
- Optical barcode scanners
- Fiber optic systems
- Semiconductor devices and semiconductor fabrication equipment
- Artificial Intelligence
- Medical Devices
- Wireless Communications
- Technology Transfer
- Image Processing

## Honors and Activities

- Selected by attorney peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*®, published by Best Lawyers LLC, for Litigation – Intellectual Property and Patent Law, (2013-2020)
- Selected to the *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers*® list, published by Thomson Reuters, (2010-2020)
- Selected as a "Patent Star" in *Managing Intellectual Property's* IP Stars, (2020)

## Professional Affiliations

- Philadelphia Intellectual Property Law Association (PIPLA)
- Brehon Law Society
- Philadelphia Union League
- Philadelphia Alliance for Capital and Technologies (PACT)

## Admissions

Pennsylvania  
U.S. Patent and Trademark  
Office  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the  
Federal Circuit

### Community Involvement

- Engineering Entrepreneurship Advisory Board, Villanova University
- Citizens Diplomacy International, Philadelphia Board Member
- Community Design Collaborative, Board Member