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OVERVIEW

Thomas C. Basso concentrates his practice in patent law. Thomas serves as a strategic advisor of patent related services for a global client base including technology and manufacturing companies based in Japan. He has comprehensive patent portfolio management and patent office practice experience from early-developmental invention stage of patents to application preparation and examination and to patent grant and post patent grant including having handled successful reissue, reexamination and patent appeals. Thomas has substantial patent counseling experience relating to chemical/material based technologies including battery, display, fuel cell, imaging, sensor, semiconductor, pharmaceutical, health care, food/nutrition, energy, and environmental related technologies.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Thomas' undergraduate studies included a chemistry-and engineering-based curriculum, such as advanced level classes in organic, inorganic and physical chemistry, mathematics and physics. His graduate studies in chemical engineering included course work and published research in catalysis with the director of the Center for Catalysis and Surface Science. He also gained technical experience working as a chemist intern at Kellogg Company during his undergraduate summers.

Before law school, Thomas worked as a Federal On-Scene Coordinator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Region V, acting as the lead federal responder in Superfund and OPA emergency response projects.

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Japan American Society of Chicago
- Japanese Chamber of Commerce Chicago

EDUCATION

- J.D., Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology, 1999

- M.S., Northwestern University, 1991 (*Walter P. Murphy Fellowship in Chemical Engineering*)
- B.A., Albion College, 1989

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Illinois
- United States Patent and Trademark Office
- United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

AREAS OF FOCUS

- IP Procurement and Portfolio Management
- IP Litigation
- Post-Grant Patents