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OVERVIEW

Brett Weber is an intellectual property associate in the Chicago office and a PTO-registered patent attorney. His practice focuses on intellectual property prosecution, litigation, due diligence, and post grant proceedings.

Brett focuses on patent related matters such as drafting, prosecuting, and analyzing U.S. and international utility and design patent applications involving a variety of technologies such as mechanical devices, medical devices, dialysis systems, infusion pumps, renal devices, enteral feeding and gastric decompression systems, sorbent technology, electromechanical devices, industrial painting systems, solar cells and energy technology, materials, barcode technology, virtual machines, and business method patents.

He has experience performing landscape studies, freedom to operate, and pre-litigation analysis, particularly in the medical device technology space. Brett conducts portfolio analyses to identify strategic opportunities related to competitor technology and IP. He also performs patentability, invalidity, non-infringement, and infringement analyses and opinions. Brett also has experience with post-grant proceedings and has been involved in the preparation of several *inter partes* review petitions and working with experts to prepare supporting declarations.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Brett was a summer associate at K&L Gates in 2013. Prior to that, he served as judicial extern for the Honorable John Tharp, Jr. at the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. Earlier in his career, he worked at Caterpillar, Inc. as a design engineer. Brett gained experience related to industrial machine and marine engines, diesel generator sets, and aftercoolers. He also worked as a Powertrain Operations manufacturing engineering intern for Ford Motor Company.

Prior to law school, he received his M.S. in mechanical engineering from Purdue University at West Lafayette. At Purdue, he researched novel cancer therapies including magnetic nanoparticle hyperthermia. Through his research, he developed multiphysics models of heat and energy transfer in the microvascular of normal and malignant tissue, and he tested magnetic fluid heat generation in various magnetic field environments. Additionally, Brett attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where he received his B.S. in mechanical engineering. While attending the University of Illinois, he worked on a student design team which performed design work related to electro-pneumatic control boxes for alternating pressure surgical pads.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Listed in the “Ones to Watch” section, *The Best Lawyers in America*©, 2021

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Chicago Bar Association
- Illinois State Bar Association
- Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago

EDUCATION

- J.D., Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology, 2014 (*Order of the Coif; magna cum laude, Chicago-Kent Law Review, Executive Articles Editor; Journal of Intellectual Property, Executive Articles Editor*)
- M.S., Purdue University, 2013 (*Mechanical Engineering*)
- B.S., University of Illinois, 2008 (*Honors, James Scholar, Mechanical Engineering*)

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Illinois
- United States Patent and Trademark Office

AREAS OF FOCUS

- IP Procurement and Portfolio Management