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YEAR OF CALL

Ontario Bar 2008

QUALIFICATIONS

- Queen's University B.Sc. (Mathematics and Electrical Engineering) 1989
- Queen's University M.Sc. (Electrical Engineering) 1993; thesis focussed on spread spectrum communications
- University of Ottawa LL.B. 2007
- Registered Patent Agent 1996
- Registered to practise before the United States Patent and Trademark Office

PRACTICE AREAS

Patents
IP Management & Strategic
Counselling
Electrical/Electronics
Industrial/Mechanical
Software/Information
Technologies
Cleantech
Energy

PROFILE

Leading patent practitioner behind one of Canada's largest tech deals

Allan draws on his legal acumen and real-world experience as an engineer for top-tier companies to draft and successfully prosecute patent applications for innovative electrical, electronic and computer-related inventions in Canada and around the world. With twenty years of experience, he has spearheaded more than 200 originating patent applications and is often sought out by Ottawa-based and top global innovators to safeguard their IP interests. In addition, his drafting and patenting of technology contributed to one of the largest technology deals in Canadian history.

Allan excels in offering strategic advice on IP portfolio development, management and utilization. His track record includes drafting and prosecuting patent applications for a range of leading technologies, such as communications, semiconductors, memory systems, optical systems, software and business methods.

An industry leader, establishing the next generation of IP professionals

In addition to his leadership roles as a member of the executive committee and head of the electrical, electronic engineering and computer sciences practice in Ottawa, Allan is at the forefront of establishing the next generation of exceptional IP professionals. Allan developed and coordinates the firm's in-house patent agents training program. His leadership role extends as Head of the Operations sub-committee for the firm's patent practice.

Engineering experience leads to practical client insights

Prior to joining Smart & Biggar, Allan gained valuable industry experience as an engineer at Lockheed Canada, Bell Northern Research and Prior Data Sciences, where he was software development team leader on the Radarsat II simulator project. His industry experience continues to inform his practice, providing practical insights to his clients.

Rankings and Recognition

- Recognized annually in *The Canadian Legal LEXPERT® Directory* under Intellectual Property since 2015
- Recognized annually in *The Best Lawyers in Canada* under Intellectual Property Law since 2014
- Recognized annually as an 'IP Star' since the inaugural edition in 2014 of *Managing Intellectual Property's IP Stars Handbook: Patents*

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

Memberships

- Fellow, Intellectual Property Institute of Canada; member of the Joint Liaison Committee - Patents
- Member, International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys (FICPI)
- Member, Canadian Intellectual Property Association; member of Information Technology Committee

MEDIA

Publications

- "Canada: Are Computer-implemented Inventions Patentable?" (co-authors: Steven B. Garland and Kelly L. Miranda), *WORLDfocus* supplement to *Patent World*, October 2006

