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Brian Drozd is an electrical engineer whose practice involves creating and prosecuting both national and international patent applications across a spectrum of industries. He has represented various Fortune 500 companies in the technology industry, including those related to the automotive industry, RFID devices, software, scanners, mechanical, wireless communications, cameras, aerospace, power and hand tools, printers, banking (business method) sector and household appliances.

Brian also assists clients in both developing and managing their intellectual property portfolios. Through this work, he regularly aids his clients in conducting investigations and offering assessments on patent invalidity and non-infringement, along with freedom-to-operate opinions.

Additionally, Brian lends his support in matters such as post grant proceedings, design patent submissions, trademark registrations, transactional agreements, licensing concerns, and legal disputes. He also assists start-up companies with their intellectual property needs, including patent and trademark investigations and procurement.

He received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of North Carolina School of Law and his Bachelor of Science degree in electrical and computer engineering, *magna cum laude*, from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Prior to law school, Brian worked as an electrical engineering research assistant at Duke University, specializing in electromagnetics and antenna design, and also as an electrical engineer for an industrial microwave company in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, assisting with the design and development of large industrial

microwave applicators for heating and drying various items.

Practice Areas

- Intellectual Property
- Trademarks
- Patent Prosecution

Education

- University of North Carolina School of Law (J.D.), 2007
- Duke University (M.E.M.), 2002
- Duke University (M.S.), 2000
- University of North Carolina at Charlotte (B.S.), 1998
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Awards

- *North Carolina Super Lawyers* (2011-2012)