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Mark provides strategic advice on intellectual property acquisition and portfolio development. His practice includes the preparation and prosecution of patent applications, plant breeders' rights applications and industrial design applications.

His clients include start-ups, universities, research institutions, entrepreneurs and multinational corporations. Mark counsels clients on technologies relating to biotechnology, chemistry and agriculture in the following sectors:

- life sciences
- human and veterinary therapeutics and diagnostics
- small molecules
- pharmaceuticals

Experience

- Preparation and prosecution of patent applications, plant breeders' rights applications, and industrial design applications.
- Counseling clients on technologies relating to biotechnology, agriculture, and chemistry, in various industry sectors, including human and veterinary therapeutics and diagnostics, agricultural sciences, small molecules, pharmaceuticals, oil and gas, and alternative energy.
- Advising on patentability, validity, infringement and freedom-to-operate issues.
- Conducting intellectual property due diligence.

- Counselling clients on international patent strategies and portfolio management.
- Advising and assisting with Canadian University technology transfer.

Insights & Events

- Author, "Accelerating NATO collaboration Introducing DIANA for aspiring innovators", BLG Article, June 2024
- Co-author, "Canadian Patent Office misses the mark on diagnostics," Biotechnology Focus, February/March 2016

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Intellectual Property Institute of Canada (IPIC)
- Member, Life Science Ontario (LSO)
- Member, Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM)

Community Involvement

- Volunteer, BLG Reads to Kids

Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2014) of *Intellectual Asset Magazine's (IAM) Patent 1000 — The World's Leading Patent Professionals* (Prosecution - Recommended)

Education

- PhD, University of Alberta, 2000
- BScH, Queen's University, 1993

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