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Geoffrey is a registered Canadian and U.S. patent agent with over 20 years of experience in mechanical, materials and metallurgical, and electrical fields including medical devices, oil and gas, water treatment, consumer products, semiconductor packaging, and heat exchanger technologies. Geoffrey is also a Professional Engineer.

He focuses his practice on:

- patent application drafting and prosecution
- industrial design protection
- intellectual property management
- patentability searches and opinions
- Intellectual property protection strategies

Prior to joining BLG, he worked at a leading IP boutique firm. Geoffrey also previously worked in industry as an engineer.

Within BLG, Geoffrey is the Regional Group Manager for Specialized Business Law in Vancouver.

## Insights & Events

- Speaker, “Training IP Attorneys in the 21st Century”, FICPI World Congress, Cannes France, 2022
- 2025 Course Co-ordinator (since 2011) and tutor (since 2004) for FICPI Academy of Education - Patent Drafting Course - South East Asian Edition (formerly the South East Asian Drafting (SEAD) Course).
- 2018 Course Co-ordinator for FICPI Academy of Education - Patent Drafting Course – Latin American Edition.
- Author, “Design Rights: Functionality & Scope of Protection” (Canada chapter), Wolters-Kluwer, 2nd edition, 2022.
- Judge, Coast Capital Savings SFU Venture Prize Competition, 2018 (and since 2017).
- Speaker, “Best Practices for Drafting International Patent Applications, IPO Annual Meeting, 2015.

## Beyond Our Walls

### Professional Involvement

- Member, Intellectual Property Institute of Canada
- Member, Fédération Internationale des Conseils en Propriété Intellectuelle (FICPI)
- Course coordinator and Member of FICPI Education Commission
- Member, American Intellectual Property Law Association
- Member, Professional Engineers Ontario

### Community Involvement

- Course Co-ordinator (since 2011) and tutor (since 2004) for FICPI Academy of Education – Patent Drafting Course - South East Asian Edition (formerly the South East Asian Drafting (SEAD) Course).
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## 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)
- Recognized as a Patent Star in the 2026 edition (and since 2014) of *IP STARS* from *Managing Intellectual Property* (Managing IP)
- Recognized by the 2016 Client Choice Awards as the exclusive winner in the Patents category in British Columbia

## Education

- Qualified as Patent Agent, 2001

- M.Sc. (Engineering), Queen's University, 1996
- B.Sc. (Materials Engineering), Queen's University, 1993

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