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**AREAS OF FOCUS**

Mechanical Patent Prosecution

Mr. James has been actively engaged in the prosecution, licensing and enforcement of patents in the United States and abroad. His particular emphasis is in the mechanical arts, including semiconductor growth and processing equipment, refrigerated display cases and refrigeration systems, pneumatic tools, electric motors and others.

Mr. James received his Bachelor of Arts in History from Rice University in 1984. He received his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering in 1985 from the University of Missouri-Columbia, where he was a member of the Pi Tau Sigma Mechanical Engineering Honor Society. Mr. James received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1988. He also contributed to the Missouri Law Review.

He is also a member of the Missouri Bar Association, the American Intellectual Property Association, the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, and is the Past President of the Patent and Trademark Section of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis.

**EDUCATION**

Rice University (B.A., History, 1984)

University of Missouri-Columbia (B.S., Mechanical Engineering, 1985)

University of Missouri-Columbia (J.D., 1988)

**BAR INFORMATION**

Missouri

United States District Court, Eastern District of Missouri

United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

United States Patent and Trademark Office

**PUBLISHED ARTICLES**

Note, Symbolic Union and the Establishment Clause, Missouri Law Review (1988)

Comment, Patent Claims and Prosecution History Estoppel in the Federal Circuit, Missouri Law Review (1988)