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THE FIRM'S FOCUS

The firm concentrates in servicing independent inventors, large and small companies, and corporations. The firm focuses on work conducted before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ~ on trademark work, and on patent work mainly relating to designs, mechanical innovations, industrial and production processes, medical devices, and electromechanical devices and systems.

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ABOUT THE FIRM'S FOUNDER

David earned his engineering degree with Highest Honors at the University of Illinois. His law degree was earned while doing patent work in the employ of General Electric, beginning at Georgetown University

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David is the author of articles on patent and trademark protections, is a coauthor of the PATENTS chapter in engineering handbooks published by John Wiley & Sons, and is the author of three editions of the hardback book *Patent & Trademark Tactics & Practice*. He has been active in bar association work, is a past Chairman of the Young Lawyers Section of the



Cleveland Bar Association, and maintains memberships in the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, the Cleveland Intellectual Property Law Association, American Bar Association and the American Intellectual Property Law Association.

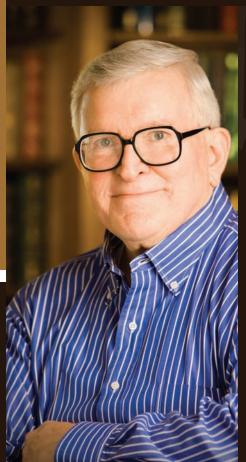
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WHY BRING YOUR Utility patent and Trademark work here

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- We listen and ask helpful questions.
- We understand and appreciate the significance of what you have developed.
- We work with you to obtain patents and trademark registrations that provide the protections your intellectual property should receive.

WHY BRING Your Patent Search Work Here

- You want your search results protected by an attorney-client privilege that does not apply to the work of patent agents and other non-attorneys.
- Conducting patent searches that yield truly helpful, objective-oriented results has been a mainstay of this firm for over 30 years.

WHY BRING Your design Patent work here

- Protecting important appearance features of your products is a major focus of this firm. It is a sizable part of our patent law practice.
- We understand that thoughtfully prepared design patents concentrating on features of importance can and often do provide protections as vital as utility patents.
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WHAT ABOUT PROVISIONAL AND UTILITY PATENT APPLICATIONS?

- We file provisional applications for clients who understand the value of establishing an early filing date with the USPTO months ahead of when a follow-up utility case is filed, without starting the 20 year clock running on the term of the resulting utility patent.
- We team with you to thoroughly describe invention features when drafting utility applications, and exercise appropriate care in describing features of inventions as simple as a one-piece tool, or as complex as a machine employing a thousand moving parts.

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