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Professional Overview

Cory Claassen brings over 20 years of patent law experience to his practice, focusing on the preparation and prosecution of U.S. and foreign patents in the electrical, optical, and mechanical fields. Cory's practice extends to patent infringement and validity opinions, patent portfolio management, and intellectual property strategy and counseling. He provides these services to clients across a diverse array of technologies, including semiconductor devices, electronics, display and imaging technologies, unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), applied optics, fiber optics, applied physics, micro-electro-mechanical systems (MEMS), medical devices, and circuits.

Prior to practicing law, Cory was an ASIC designer at Nortel Semiconductors and a microwave engineer at Norsat International Inc. He holds a B.A.Sc. in physics and electrical engineering from the University of British Columbia, and a J.D. from Santa Clara University School of Law. Cory is named to the 2024 list of *Best Lawyers in America*.

Education

J.D., *magna cum laude*, Order of the Coif, Santa Clara University Law School, 2002

B.A.Sc., *with distinction*, Physics and Electrical Engineering, University of British Columbia, 1999

Professional Experience



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Christensen O'Connor Johnson Kindness

Seattle, WA, 2017 – present

Blakely Sokoloff Taylor & Zafman LLP

Seattle, WA, 2002 – 2017

Technical Experience

Microwave Engineer

Norsat International Inc.

ASIC Design Engineer

Nortel Semiconductors

Bar & Court Admissions

- United States Patent and Trademark Office
- Washington State Bar

Professional Affiliations

- Washington State Patent Law Association