



Paul Horbal
B.A.Sc., M.Sc. (Elec. Eng.), J.D.

Partner | Toronto
416.957.1664
phorbal@bereskinparr.com

Experience

Paul Horbal is a partner with Bereskin & Parr LLP. He is a member of the firm's Electrical & Computer Technology group and is Chair of the Financial Technology group. His practice focuses on patent, industrial design and technology law, with an emphasis on securing and leveraging intellectual property rights for high-tech and Fintech clients.

He advises clients of various sizes, but particularly enjoys working with startups and high-tech entrepreneurs. In addition to his work preparing and prosecuting patents, Paul advises clients regarding their intellectual property licensing needs.

He has prepared and filed patent applications relating to block chain technology, payment processing, telecommunications systems, integrated circuits, digital signal processing, biomedical and biomonitoring devices, power systems and power electronics, computer networks, computer software, along with many other technologies.

Paul is a member of the Ontario Bar Association (OBA) Executive Committee on Practice Innovation & Technology, Sub-Committee on Curating Technology. He is also a member of the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA). Paul is former Chair of the Toronto Intellectual Property Group, Vice-President of the Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Association of Toronto.

Paul has been a faculty member for the Osgoode Certificate in Blockchains, Smart Contracts and the Law (2018/2019), an educational course developed for lawyers, business leaders, managers and influencers with an interest in blockchain technology.

He speaks and writes regularly regarding intellectual property and is an active tweeter (@horbal).

Recent Articles

- USPTO Revises Patentable Subject Matter Guidelines to Start 2019
- Cryptocurrency Recognized as Legal "Property"? British

Practice Groups

Artificial Intelligence (AI)
Cleantech
Electrical & Computer Technology
Financial Technology
Industrial Designs
Patents

Education

J.D., University of Toronto, 2008
M.Sc. (Elec. Eng.), University of Calgary, 2005

Qualifications

Registered Canadian Patent Agent, 2010
Registered United States Patent Agent, 2010
Admitted to the Ontario Bar, 2009

Professional Memberships

American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)
Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)
Intellectual Property Institute of Canada (IPIC), Associate
Law Society of Ontario (LSO)
Ontario Bar Association (OBA)
Toronto Computer Lawyers' Group (TCLG)
Toronto Intellectual Property Group (TIPG)



Columbia Supreme Court Opens the Door

- Clearing Hurdles in the Race for Blockchain Patents
- U.S. Patent Office Seeks to Better Define Boundaries of “Abstract Ideas”
- Pre-Emptying *Alice*