Patents

Patents are often a client’s most valuable asset, but evaluating inventions, reviewing patentability issues, procuring patents, devising global patent protection strategies, negotiating licenses and agreements, and dealing with infringement issues can be complex. At Bereskin & Parr, patent law is a key part of our intellectual property practice. We apply a pragmatic business approach to each client’s patent matters to obtain results consistent with the client’s business needs.

Our patent practice is comprised of several specialized groups: Artificial Intelligence (AI), Automotive, Cannabis, Chemical, Cleantech, Electrical & Computer Technology, Fintech, Life Sciences, Mechanical & Industrial Processes, Medical Devices, Nanotechnology and Oil & Gas. Each of our specialized patent groups assists clients in evaluating inventions and designs and preparing, filing, and prosecuting patent and design applications in Canada, the United States, and worldwide. Technical assistants and trained patent clerks working under the supervision of our lawyers and patent agents enable us to provide cost-effective management of the firm’s extensive active files.

Our lawyers and patent agents advise clients on all issues involving patents and designs including providing advice on patentability of inventions, validity of patents, and infringement of patents for technology owned by clients or claimed to be owned by others. Our teams have expertise in a variety of scientific and engineering disciplines and other technical areas, including chemical, civil, computer, electrical, mechanical, metallurgical and nuclear engineering, as well as electronics, physics, computer hardware and software, chemistry and biotechnology. This diverse expertise enables us to assemble an appropriate client-specific team to handle each client's individual patent needs.

Clients of the patent group include individuals, corporations, and educational institutions worldwide. Our clients come from a diverse range of industries and work with technologies involving mechanical, electrical, and computer systems (software and hardware); building materials; medical devices and consumer products; and chemical, biotechnology and pharmaceuticals.

More information on the patent system and applying for a patent is available here.

Our Services

The following is a list of services that members of our Patent group provide:

- Negotiating and preparing licenses, assignments, security interests and other agreements for inventions, designs, and patents
- Performing a patent audit
- Identifying areas where patent or design protection can be obtained or extended
- Devising strategies to assist in managing a patent portfolio
- Evaluating patent portfolios of clients
- Evaluating patent portfolios of others
- Due diligence in commercial transactions of all kinds
- Right to manufacture or use studies

Recent Articles

Supreme Court of Canada Takes a Pass on Patented Drug Price Dispute
April 1, 2022
Intellectual Property (IP) Strategies for Cybersecurity Innovations
March 11, 2022

March 8, 2022

Canada Lags Behind in Quantum Computing Patent Filings
February 17, 2022

Diagnostic Test Kit: Integration of Patented Technologies
February 16, 2022

Europe’s Unified Patent Court has finally arrived!
January 25, 2022
### All Practice Group members

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Degree(s)</th>
<th>Role</th>
<th>Email</th>
<th>Phone</th>
<th>Location</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Nicholas Aitken</td>
<td>B.A.Sc. (Mech. Eng.) (Hons.), J.D.</td>
<td>Counsel</td>
<td><a href="mailto:naitken@bereskinparr.com">naitken@bereskinparr.com</a></td>
<td>416.957.1620</td>
<td>Toronto</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Alain Alphonse</td>
<td>B.A.Sc. (Elec Eng.), J.D.</td>
<td>Associate</td>
<td><a href="mailto:aalphonse@bereskinparr.com">aalphonse@bereskinparr.com</a></td>
<td>514.871.2912</td>
<td>Montréal</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Denver Bandstra</td>
<td>B.A.Sc. (Mech. Eng.), J.D.</td>
<td>Associate</td>
<td><a href="mailto:dbandstra@bereskinparr.com">dbandstra@bereskinparr.com</a></td>
<td>416.957.1176</td>
<td>Toronto</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stephen Beney</td>
<td>B.Sc. (Physics)</td>
<td>Managing Partner</td>
<td><a href="mailto:sbeney@bereskinparr.com">sbeney@bereskinparr.com</a></td>
<td>905.817.6102</td>
<td>Mississauga</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brett Benham</td>
<td>B.Eng. (Civil Eng.)</td>
<td>Articling Student</td>
<td><a href="mailto:bbenham@bereskinparr.com">bbenham@bereskinparr.com</a></td>
<td></td>
<td>Toronto</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Adam Bierylo</td>
<td>B.E.Sc. (Mech. Eng.), J.D.</td>
<td>Partner</td>
<td><a href="mailto:abierylo@bereskinparr.com">abierylo@bereskinparr.com</a></td>
<td>416.957.1621</td>
<td>Mississauga</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Degree Details</td>
<td>Role</td>
<td>Email</td>
<td>Phone</td>
<td>Location</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>---------------------</td>
<td>--------------------------------------------------</td>
<td>--------</td>
<td>--------------------------------</td>
<td>------------</td>
<td>----------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Iris Cheung</td>
<td>B.Sc.(Hons.), Ph.D., J.D.</td>
<td>Associate</td>
<td><a href="mailto:icheung@bereskinparr.com">icheung@bereskinparr.com</a></td>
<td>416.957.6297</td>
<td>Toronto</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Noel Courage</td>
<td>B.Sc. (Biochem.), LL.B.</td>
<td>Partner</td>
<td><a href="mailto:ncourage@bereskinparr.com">ncourage@bereskinparr.com</a></td>
<td>416.957.1655</td>
<td>Toronto</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Carmela De Luca</td>
<td>B.Sc. (Hons. Biochem., Co-op), Ph.D. (Exp. Med.), J.D.</td>
<td>Partner</td>
<td><a href="mailto:cdeluca@bereskinparr.com">cdeluca@bereskinparr.com</a></td>
<td>514.871.2929</td>
<td>Montréal</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ryan De Vries</td>
<td>B.Sc. (Phys.), J.D.</td>
<td>Associate</td>
<td><a href="mailto:rdevries@bereskinparr.com">rdevries@bereskinparr.com</a></td>
<td>519.783.3215</td>
<td>Waterloo Region</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Reshika Dhir</td>
<td>B.Sc. (Elec. Eng.), J.D.</td>
<td>Partner</td>
<td><a href="mailto:rdhir@bereskinparr.com">rdhir@bereskinparr.com</a></td>
<td>416.957.1646</td>
<td>Toronto</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ahmed Elmallah</td>
<td>B.Sc. (Electrical Engineering), J.D.</td>
<td>Associate</td>
<td><a href="mailto:aelmallah@bereskinparr.com">aelmallah@bereskinparr.com</a></td>
<td>416.957.1190</td>
<td>Toronto</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Ray Kovarik  
B.A. (Comp. Sci. & Econ.), M.B.A., LL.M. (IP Law), J.D.  
Associate  
rkovarik@bereskinparr.com  
416.957.1186  
Toronto

Victor Krichker  
B.Sc. (Civil Eng.), LL.B.  
Partner  
vkrichker@bereskinparr.com  
416.957.1699  
Toronto

Dominique Lambert  
B.Sc. (Chem), M.Sc. (Organic Chem)  
Associate  
dlambert@bereskinparr.com  
514.871.2106  
Montréal

Callum Lootsma  
B.A.Sc. (Mech. Eng.), J.D.  
Associate  
clootsma@bereskinparr.com  
416.957.1189  
Toronto

Joanna Ma  
B.A.Sc. (Elec. Eng.)(Hons.), J.D.  
Partner  
jma@bereskinparr.com  
519.783.3218  
Waterloo Region

Robert MacFarlane  
B.Eng. (Mech. Eng.), LL.B.  
Counsel  
rmacfarlane@bereskinparr.com  
416.957.1616  
Toronto

R. Scott MacKendrick  
B.A.Sc. (Chem. Eng.), LL.B.  
Partner  
smackendrick@bereskinparr.com  
416.957.1675  
Toronto
Timothy Sinnott  
B.S. (Physics), M.Sc. (Physics), LL.B.  
Partner  
tsinnott@bereskinparr.com  
519.783.3212  
Waterloo Region

Parnian Soltanipanah  
B.Sc. (Chem)  
Articling Student  
psoltanipanah@bereskinparr.com  
416.957.6578  
Toronto

Joshua W. Spicer  
B.Eng. (Chem. Eng.), LL.B.  
Partner  
jspicer@bereskinparr.com  
416.957.1649  
Toronto

David St-Martin  
B.Sc. (Chem.), M.Sc. (Org. Chem.)  
Partner  
dstmartin@bereskinparr.com  
514.871.2922  
Montréal

Robert Storey  
B.A.Sc., (Metallurgy and Matl. Sci.), LL.B.  
Partner  
rstorey@bereskinparr.com  
514.871.2930  
Montréal

Melanie Szweras  
B.Sc., Ph.D. (Genetics), LL.B.  
Partner  
mszweras@bereskinparr.com  
416.957.1678  
Toronto
Andrea Uetrecht  
B.Sc. (Biochem.)(Hons.), M.Sc (MBB), Ph.D. (Cell & Dev. Bio.), J.D.  
Associate  
auetrecht@bereskinparr.com  
416.957.1187  
Toronto

Maria Wei  
Associate  
mwei@bereskinparr.com  
519.783.3213  
Waterloo Region

Justin Wicks  
B.Eng. (Elec. Eng.)  
Articling Student  
jwicks@bereskinparr.com  
416.957.6574  
Toronto

Shuo Xing  
B.Sc. (Biochem.)(Hons.), Ph.D. candidate (Org. Chem.), J.D.  
Associate  
sxing@bereskinparr.com  
416.957.1603  
Toronto