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PARTNER

EDUCATION

Seattle University
School of Law
J.D. (*magna cum laude*) 2015

University of Washington
Electrical Engineering
M.S. 2009

University of Washington
Electrical Engineering
B.S. 2006

INDUSTRIES

Consumer Products & Services
Electrical Engineering
Semiconductors
Software
Telecommunications

PRACTICES

Patent

BAR ADMISSIONS

Washington
United States Patent
and Trademark Office

BACKGROUND

As a patent attorney focused on electrical engineering matters, Blake brings not only well-rounded technical experience having worked for leading aerospace and telecommunication companies, but as a patent examiner for the USPTO. While there he honed his skills reviewing patent applications in the field of resource allocation and inter-process communications for computer systems and acquired a keen understanding of how successful patent applications are drawn. Now, as a partner with Seed IP, Blake collaborates with his clients on strategic IP issues, and counsels them on patent prosecution, due-diligence of their patent portfolios, as well as patent infringement and validity opinions. Blake has a natural affinity for a wide range of technologies including semiconductors, electrical & computer hardware, wireless telecommunication systems, medical devices, electric vehicles, and display devices.

Blake received a M.S. and a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Washington. He was awarded a J.D. (*magna cum laude*) from Seattle University School of Law where he served as Associate Editor for the Seattle University Law Review. Blake also received the National Order of Scribes Award for Excellence in Legal Writing and the CALI Award for Legal Writing.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® Ones to Watch, 2022-2026
- Selected to *Washington Rising Stars*®, 2023-2025
- Highlighted in *Puget Sound Business Journal's Next Generation in Law*®, 2023

EXPERIENCE

Prior to joining Seed IP, Blake served as a patent examiner for the United States Patent and Trademark Office where he reviewed patent applications in the field of inter-process communications for computer systems and software development. Blake also has several years of industry experience working at several leading aerospace and telecommunication companies. During law school, Blake served as a Summer Associate at Seed IP and a legal research assistant at Seattle University.

AFFILIATIONS

Blake is admitted to the Washington State Bar and is registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. He is a member of the Washington State Patent Law Association (WSPLA) and a Council Leader for U.S.-Japan Council.