



Carl L. Rustad

ASSOCIATE

EDUCATION

University of Washington
School of Law
J.D. 2023

Williams College
Computer Science
B.A. (with honors) 2018

INDUSTRIES

AI, ML & Robotics
Mechanical Engineering
Semiconductors
Software & Internet
Telecommunications

PRACTICES

Patent
IP Agreements & Licensing

BAR ADMISSIONS

Washington

BACKGROUND

Carl focuses his practice on patent prosecution in the computer science and telecommunications sectors. He earned a B.A. in Computer Science from Williams College in 2018. Carl's senior thesis was on machine learning, with a focus on multitask learning in few-shot scenarios, particularly in image classification. He received his J.D. from University of Washington School of Law in 2023.

EXPERIENCE

Carl's experience includes writing patent applications, performing patent and trademark searches and writing search result letters, as well as drafting and filing responses to office actions from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office including making diagram and specification amendments. He has written and sent cease-and-desist letters responsive to trademark infringement, and authored requests for admission, requests for production, and interrogatories. Carl has also written Python scripts to extract relevant information from discovery documents.

Prior to joining Seed IP, Carl worked as a corporate law intern at PACCAR Inc., where he wrote memos on German standard essential patent litigation and engineer liability in autonomous vehicle accidents and summarized patents for docket meetings. He also drafted an amendment to bring vendor contracts into compliance with new Department of Labor cybersecurity guidelines and provided recommendations on complying with National Highway Traffic Safety Administration owner's manual requirements. Carl also helped prepare a CLE presentation on litigation implications of advanced driver-assistance systems and collaborated with outside counsel to perform a 350-box document review.

Carl has also implemented a machine learning framework for classifying web pages at Valt Inc., and assisted with patent and trademark searches, responses to office actions, discovery, and other intellectual property matters as a legal intern at an IP boutique law firm in Boise, Idaho.

AFFILIATIONS

Carl is admitted to the Washington State Bar. He is a member of the Washington Technology Industry Association (WTIA) and the Washington State Patent Law Association (WSPLA).