Seed IP

Syed M. Abedi

PARTNER

EDUCATION

Seattle University
School of Law
J.D. 2012

Embry-Riddle
Aeronautical University
Aerospace Engineering
M.Eng. 2003

Ryerson University
Aerospace Engineering
B.Eng. 2000

INDUSTRIES

Alternative Energy
Consumer Products & Services
Internet Policy & Law
Mechanical Engineering

PRACTICES

Patent
Trademark
Mediation
Internet Policy & Law
IP Litigation & Enforcement
Medical Devices
Copyright

BAR ADMISSIONS

Washington
United States Patent
and Trademark Office

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. District Court of
Western Washington

BACKGROUND

Syed's practice focuses on U.S. and international patent and trademark prosecution, enforcement, licensing and litigation matters. He received a B.Eng in Aerospace Engineering from Ryerson University and a M.Eng. in Aerospace Engineering from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, where his graduate research focused on acoustic emissions monitoring of space shuttle external tanks. Syed earned his J.D. from Seattle University School of Law (2012), where he served as a judicial extern to Honorable Thomas S. Zilly, US District Court, Western District of Washington. Syed graduated magna cum laude.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 2025-2027
- Selected to *Washington Rising Stars*®, 2019-2023

EXPERIENCE

From his valuable experience working in the aerospace industry, Syed has leaned on his engineering background to provide sky's-the-limit IP support for his clients. The strength of his patent practice comes from a decade + of industry experience with design, analysis, testing, repairs, and certification of aerospace products, with special emphasis on structural analysis and repairs of aircraft composite structures. This depth of knowledge allows him to seamlessly communicate complex technical issues to his clients leading to better collaboration on a legal strategy that aligns with their IP goals. Syed's business-centric approach to patents complements his robust trademark practice which covers all aspects of trademark clearance, prosecution, enforcement, licensing, and litigation. His clients also rely on his judgement for a wide range of issues related to copyrights, trade secrets, domain names, trade dress, unfair competition, and domestic and international filing strategies.

On the litigation front, Syed has worked closely with clients in various federal courts covering matters involving patent, trademark, and trade secrets, as well as in inter partes proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) and Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (TTAB), and domain name dispute resolution actions before NAF, WIPO and other ICANN approved dispute resolution providers.

AFFILIATIONS

Syed is admitted to the Washington State Bar and is registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the U.S. District Court of Western Washington. He is a member of the Washington State Patent Law Association (WSPLA) and the American Bar Association (ABA). Syed serves on the Non-Traditional Marks Committee of the International Trademark Association (INTA) and on the Executive Committee of the Washington State Bar Association IP Section.

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PUBLICATIONS

Abedi, S., Hogan, M., Lindberg, E., “Is Trademark Registration Process No Longer Streamlined Post-B&B Hardware: Tall Tale or Reality?” BNA’s Patent, Trademark, & Copyright Journal.® 91:254, 2015.