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Matt Crookston focuses his practice on patent prosecution and counseling in the areas of electronics and software, particularly photonics.

Matt earned a master's degree in applied physics with an emphasis in lasers and optics at the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT). Upon graduation from AFIT, he was assigned as a research physicist in an Air Force Research Laboratory at Hanscom Air Force Base, Massachusetts. As a research physicist, Matt conducted experiments in laser cooling and trapping of atoms for applications to inertial sensors on military satellites.

Matt transitioned from quantum mechanics to aircraft mechanics when the US Air Force selected him to take part in a program to give certain Air Force scientists and engineers operational-type experience. As a maintenance operations officer, he led aircraft-maintenance activities for a 250-person maintenance squadron to ensure combat capability of C-5 and KC-10 aircraft at Travis Air Force Base, California.

After separating from the Air Force, Matt worked as a project management consultant with a Sacramento, California consulting firm before attending law school. Matt enjoys using his diverse technical background to help clients innovating in a variety of technology areas. He has specific experience working with inventions relating to semiconductor lasers, time-division multiple access radio communication, global navigation satellite systems, and cold-atom optics.

Matt was recognized in 2025, 2026 and 2027 as one of the "Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch" for Intellectual Property Law and Patent Law by *The Best Lawyers in America*®.

Education

Brigham Young University - J. Reuben Clark Law School J.D. (2012) *magna cum laude*

Air Force Institute of Technology M.S. (2003) Applied Physics (emphasis in lasers and electro-optics)

Brigham Young University B.S. (2001) Physics, Minors in Mathematics and Aerospace Studies

Admissions

Colorado (2012)

Court Admissions

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (2008)

Insights

News Releases

Kilpatrick Attorneys Recognized in 2027 Edition of Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America

August 20, 2026

Perspectives

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Webinars

The Changing Framework of Intellectual Property Rights in Government Contracts and Grants

November 19, 2025

Alert

Government Signals Potential Sea Change Regarding its Approach to “March-in” Rights Under Bayh-Dole: What Steps Educational Institutions Should Consider Taking to Protect Their Patent Portfolio

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Events

How the New USPTO Fee Schedule Will Change Patent Prosecution

February 24, 2025