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Services

- Adversarial Patent Prosecution℠
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Industries

- Electronics & Computer Technology
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- Technology
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- Digital Assets and Distributed Ledger Technology

James Bunts is a registered patent attorney who assists clients in securing and protecting their inventions and intellectual property. He drafts and prosecutes utility- and design-patent applications, performs comprehensive patentability search reports and analyses, conducts IP infringement analyses, and counsels clients on IP strategy. James has experience with a broad range of electrical, mechanical, and software technologies.

Prior to joining the firm, James worked as a patent attorney in the Seattle, Washington headquarters of a national law firm where he drafted and prosecuted U.S. utility and design patent applications for *Fortune* 50 companies. In particular, he has experience drafting U.S. and foreign patent applications and office action responses for inventions related to databases and data structures, cloud processing and storage systems, authentication systems, information security and cryptography, distributed ledger and blockchain systems, network technologies, digital imaging, computer vision, software for optimizing neural networks and GPU accelerations, and neural network training systems as well as various other software applications. Previously, James was a patent attorney at nationwide full-service patent and trademark prosecution firm where he drafted utility and design patent applications.

While attending law school, James served as a Court-Certified Student/Attorney for the Umpqua Valley Public Defender in Roseburg, Oregon. He also served as a Graduate Student Research Assistant and Executive Editor for the *Journal of Environmental Law and Litigation*.

Experience

*Represented a *Fortune* 100 e-commerce company in the prosecution of patent applications directed toward cloud-based technologies, cryptographic security techniques, storage, and information security.

*Experience gained by attorney prior to joining Kilpatrick

Education

University of California, Los Angeles B.S., Environmental Science (2011) Minors in Political Science and Environmental Systems & Society, *Chancellor's Academic Integration Award*

University of Oregon School of Law J.D. (2015) *Pro Bono Certificate*

University of Washington M.S., Electrical Engineering (2017)

Admissions

Washington (2016)

Court Admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (2018)

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (2018)

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington (2018)

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (2016)

Professional & Community Activities

Washington State Patent Law Association, Member (2018-Present)

Housing Justice Project, Pro Bono Attorney (2016-2024)

Cascade Bicycle Club, Ride Leader (2016-Present)

Second Chance Renter Rehabilitation, Educator and Coordinator (2012-2015)

AmeriCorps/Los Angeles Superior Court, Los Angeles, JusticeCorps Intern and Small Claims Advisor (2010-2011)

Los Angeles County Fourth District, Dedicated Service to the Community Commendation (2011)

Insights

Publication

Water Law in a Nutshell, 5th Edition

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