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Mr. Tollefson focuses his practice mainly on patent matters, including preparation and prosecution of patent applications, patent infringement litigation (plaintiff and defense) and patent infringement and validity opinions. However, he has broad intellectual property experience in all aspects of patent, trademark, copyright, trade secret and related intellectual property matters. Mr. Tollefson also counsels clients on patent strategies, due diligence, portfolio development, and implementation of strategic intellectual property plans.

Mr. Tollefson has a substantial amount of industry experience in the computer and electric utility industries. Prior to entering the field of law, he worked as a software engineer and project manager at a nuclear power plant for over eight years and has working knowledge of software lifecycle and database design. Accordingly, the electrical and computer arts are some of his specialties. He has experience working with a broad range of technologies and fields, including computer hardware and software, databases, memory devices, telecommunications, Internet and e-commerce, medical devices, business methods, and apparel.

Mr. Tollefson was born in Chester, Pennsylvania in 1969 and grew up in Wilmington, Delaware. He received his B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Virginia Tech in 1991. Mr. Tollefson worked for Baltimore Gas and Electric from 1991 until 1998, during which time he attended night school. Mr. Tollefson earned his J.D. in 1998 from University of Maryland School of Law. He was admitted to the District of Columbia Bar in 2004 and Maryland Bar in 1998. He is registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and is a member of the American Bar Association.

Areas of Concentration:

- Copyright
- Counseling
- Licensing and Transactions
- Litigation
 - Federal District Court
- Patent Prosecution
 - Electrical and Computers
 - Mechanical
 - Software, E-Commerce, and Business Methods
- Trademarks, Collective Marks, and Service Marks
- Unfair Competition

Education:

- B.S. Electrical Engineering from Virginia Tech - 1991
- J.D. from University of Maryland School of Law - 1998

Bar Admissions:

- District of Columbia Bar
- Maryland State Bar
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Court Admissions:

- U.S.D.C. for the District of Maryland