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Gerrit Winkel is a patent lawyer. Clients in industries including biochemistry, biotechnology, and material sciences rely on his years of experience to assist them with the preparation and prosecution of various patent applications. His work for clients includes drafting and prosecuting through all phases of domestic and international patent prosecution, including restriction practice, office action responses, appeal practice, interview practices, and petitions.

Specific client projects include:

- Completion of third-party submissions, invalidity and infringement analyses, and preparation of corresponding opinions.
- Creation, protection, and management of client portfolios through strategic planning, international filings, continuation applications, and freedom-to-operate, patentability, and landscape searches.
- Working closely with inventors and in-house counsel to identify viable intellectual property and guiding inventor disclosures.
- Coordination of work and building relationships with foreign agents.
- Performing intellectual property audits to inform business decisions on acquisitions, asset purchase, and joint development agreements.
- Providing training on a range of intellectual property issues and procedures to clients, staff, clerks, and attorneys.
- Cooperating with litigation counsel in enforcement and defense of clients' patents.
- Managing cost-estimates, billing, and invoicing.

Gerrit understands his clients' businesses. His education allowed him to concentrate on research focused on transition-metal catalysis and catalyst design as well as small molecule bond activation reactions and organic transformations. He collaborated with the Center for Catalytic Hydrocarbon Functionalization. Mr. Winkel also assisted his undergraduate research group with developing and utilizing quantum-chemistry methods. These methods were used to discover mechanisms, reactivity principles, and selectivity for experimentally important chemical reactions related to catalysis, energy, and organic synthesis.

While attending George Washington University Law School, Mr. Winkel completed a legal internship with the American Petroleum Institute, where he developed familiarity with the oil and gas industry, as well as U.S. administrative and regulatory law.

Education

M.S., Materials Science and Engineering, University of Utah 2016

J.D., George Washington Law School, 2015

B.A., Economics and Chemistry, Brigham Young University, 2012

Admissions

Virginia State Bar
Utah State Bar

Publications

Petit, A.; Flygare, J.; Miller, A. T.; Winkel, G.; Ess, D. H., Transition-State Metal Aryl Bond Stability Determines Regioselectivity in Palladium Acetate Mediated C-H Bond Activation of Heteroarenes, Org. Lett. (2012) 14, 3680-3683.

Experience

- U.S. and International Patent Prosecution
- Pharmaceutical, Chemical, Biotechnology, and Life Sciences
- Biochemistry
- Fuel Cell Catalysis
- Chemical Compositions
- Organometallics
- Material Sciences