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PRACTICES Intellectual Property, Patent Prosecution and Counseling, Mechanical, Medical Device and Technology

Dirk Bernhardt is an associate in the Intellectual Property Practice Group in Haynes Boone's Dallas-North Office. His practice focuses on Patent Prosecution.

Dirk has a degree in mechanical engineering and has a strong background in medical devices and technology, which he uses to help clients protect their intellectual property. His experience includes being an inventor of a [pending medical device patent](#). The surgical device improves Distal Tibia Osteotomy procedures by helping the surgeon to achieve more accuracy in saw alignment.

Dirk's other areas of interest include robotics and medical x-ray technology.

QUALIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, 2023
- B.S., Mechanical Engineering, The University of Arizona, 2020

CLERKSHIPS

- Extern to the Honorable John Z. Boyle, U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona, 2021

ADMISSIONS

- Texas
 - Arizona
 - U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "No more rubber stamps: best practices for drafting revival petitions for patents and patent applications," co-author, *Reuters*, February 3, 2025.
- "Open-Source Drug Development: Encouraging a Collaborative Intellectual Property Environment in the Pharmaceutical Industry," speaker, Legal Empiricism and Discussion Society Annual Conference, April 8, 2022.