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Harold (Hal) Borland represents clients in matters related to U.S. and international patent applications and enforcement with an emphasis in the area of mechanical devices. He prepares U.S. and foreign patent applications and responds to Office Actions before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). He counsels clients in patent portfolio development and has experience with patentability investigations, freedom to operate studies, due-diligence projects, and invalidity and non-infringement opinions. His experience covers a broad array of industries such as the oilfield, aerospace, and medical device industries, and includes experience with technologies such as down-hole motors, software related to telemetry systems and seismic exploration devices, robotics, fluid systems, surgical and medical devices, and sports and recreational equipment.

Prior to pursuing his law career, Harold was a mechanical engineer with BPM Microsystems, where he developed motion control systems for the semiconductor programming industry. He was also an engineer with Lockheed Martin, where he designed and certified flight hardware for the International Space Station, and provided mission support for Space Shuttle and Space Station missions.

### Selected Publications and Speeches

- "[Fed. Cir. Sets Record 'Relatively Straight' on Indefiniteness](#)," author, *Law360*, February 7, 2018.
  - "The Affirmative Duty to Exercise Due Care in Willful Patent Infringement Cases: We Still Want It," author, Vol. 6, Part 1, *Houston Business and Tax Law Journal*
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## QUALIFICATIONS

### EDUCATION

- B.S., Mechanical Engineering, Rice University, 1997
- J.D., University of Houston Law Center, 2006, Chief Articles Editor, *Houston Business and Tax Law Journal*

### ADMISSIONS

- New York
- Texas
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office