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Craig Mueller serves as chair of the firm's Mechanical Patent Practice Group.

Craig's practice focuses on preparing and prosecuting patent applications in the mechanical, aerospace, electro-mechanical, civil, and software technology areas, drafting and prosecuting design patent applications, and preparing and prosecuting trademark and copyright applications. His practice also includes advising clients on various intellectual property protection strategies; protecting foreign intellectual property rights; drafting patentability, freedom to operate, and invalidity opinions; analyzing domestic and foreign patent rights; performing and supervising patent-related searches; and drafting technology-related agreements.

Before beginning his legal career, Craig was a senior engineer at Lockheed Martin Space Systems in Denver, Colorado, initially serving on the Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle systems engineering team, then as a designer of the Atlas V launch vehicle liquid oxygen and RP1 feed systems. In this latter role, he performed mechanical design/structural analysis and supervised pre-launch testing of various Atlas V propulsion system components. Before entering the private sector, Craig was a research assistant at Georgia Tech's Aerospace Systems Design Lab, where he led a NASA-sponsored design team that studied the next-generation High-Speed Civil Transport. Craig also has real-world engineering experience in the civil and electrical engineering arenas.

Presentations & Teaching Experience

- "Design Patents 101," American Intellectual Property Lawyers Association's Design Rights Boot Camp, 2018-2020.
- "A Seat in the Gallery: A look at the players and alliances in three upcoming patent cases before Supreme Court," Rocky Mountain IP Institute 2014.
- "Patent Prosecution: Insights and Updates." CLE International Presentation. 2013.
- "AIA Odds and Ends," CLE International Presentation. 2012.
- "Pitfalls in Claim Drafting," 7th Annual Rocky Mountain Intellectual Property & Technology Institute, 2009.
- "Basics of Patent Prosecution," CLE International Presentation. 2005.

Publications

- "Design Patents 101," IP & Technology Law BLOG, December 11 & 13, 2019.
- "Claims with Precise Numerical Values – A Cautionary Tale," IP & Technology Law BLOG, June 6, 2019
- "Preserving Patent Rights on a Global Stage: Foreign Filing Options and How to Successfully Navigate Novelty Requirements," IP & Technology Law BLOG, Jan 17, 2019.
- "America Invents Act: Next Elements Ready to Take Effect," Law Week Colorado, Aug 20, 2012.
- "U.S. Patent Reform 2011," Law Week Colorado, Oct 3, 2011.
- "A Fresh Perspective on Design Patents," The Colorado Lawyer, July 2009.

Recognitions

- Super Lawyers (Colorado) 2017 - 2025
- The Best Lawyers in America® 2022 - 2025