

KENNETH B. LEFFLER

Experience

Potomac Patent Group, PLLC, McLean, VA (January 2004 – Present, *Partner*)

- Draft patent applications and prepare responses to office actions.
- Conduct patent opinions/studies related to scope/validity of various patents. Counsel clients regarding usage of legal opinions.

Burns, Doane, Swecker & Mathis, Alexandria VA (1992- December 2003, *Equity Partner* 2000)

Prosecution

- Responsible for day-to-day management of multimillion dollar/year client; including overseeing the activities and training of about 20 professionals performing work for that client. Supervised associate firms in various countries as this client's patents were filed, prosecuted and issued internationally.
- Drafted many patent applications based on disclosure materials ranging from master's theses, corporate invention disclosure forms, personal interviews, telephonic discussions, and the like. Representative technologies included various software applications, software design and debugging tools, specialized logic circuits, Single Instruction Multiple Data (SIMD) computer architectures, computer bus architectures, signal processing algorithms, circuit-switched and packet-data networks, devices, and standards, including cellular radio telephones and infrastructure, short link radio technology (e.g., Bluetooth™ networks), GSM, TDMA, CDMA, 2.5G and 3G.
- Prepared a number of patent opinions/studies related to scope/validity of various patents. Counseled clients regarding usage of legal opinions.

Fenwick & West, Palo Alto, CA (1991-1992) – Associate.

- Prosecuted patent applications and advised clients on a variety of intellectual property matters with respect to electrical and computer hardware and software arts.

Sughrue, Mion, Zinn, MacPeak & Seas, Washington, D.C. (1989-1991) – Law Clerk

- Researched questions of law for various intellectual property matters. Wrote and prosecuted patent applications in the electrical and mechanical arts.

Irell & Manella, Los Angeles, CA (Summer 1990) – Summer Associate

- Wrote substantial portion of software patent specification. Wrote software licensing agreement. Contributed a section to a treatise on computer law.

IBM, Owego, NY; Manassas, VA; Gaithersburg, MD; Palo Alto, CA (1977-1988) – Staff Engineer; Staff Programmer

- As Staff Engineer: Designed, wrote and debugged microprograms for a variety of computers and specialized hardware systems. Defined and wrote support software utilities. Worked with hardware engineers to define new computer architectures.
- As Staff Programmer: Developed computer communications software.

Education

Juris Doctor (*cum laude*), Georgetown University Law Center, 1991.

M.S.E.E., Rutgers University, 1977.

B.S.E.E. (*with highest honors*), Rutgers College of Engineering, 1975.

A.B. (*with honors*), Rutgers College, 1975.

Admissions

United States Patent Office, Registration No. 36,075

State Bar of California No. 154,867

Virginia State Bar No. 35,919