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Practice Focus

- Intellectual property
- Patents
- Intellectual property litigation and dispute resolution

James is an Associate in the Intellectual Property Department at McDonald Hopkins. His practice is directed to drafting and prosecuting patent applications, clearance and patentability analysis, and intellectual property due diligence. James has drafted patent applications focused on a variety of technologies, including electrical and electromechanical systems, computer software, industrial and vehicular control systems, medical device hardware and software, virtual and mixed reality hardware and software, networking infrastructure, and data analysis and data processing. James has experience prosecuting both U.S. and international patent applications.

Prior to joining McDonald Hopkins, James was an associate at Shumaker & Sieffert, where he focused on patent prosecution. Prior to Shumaker & Sieffert, James did a variety of work dealing with intellectual property law, such as patent prosecution, clearance and patentability analysis, patent litigation, and intellectual property due diligence.

Before going to law school, James worked as an electrical engineer at an aerospace defense contractor. James designed control system for life support systems, such as Onboard Inert Gas Generating Systems (OBIGGS) for VIP military aircraft, Onboard Oxygen Generating Systems (OBOGS) for military aircraft, and dive computers for rebreathers used by the United States Navy.

James earned his J.D., cum laude, from the Chicago-Kent College of Law in 2012 and obtained his B.S. in Computer Engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology in 2005.

Admissions - Court

- Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Admissions - State

- Illinois

Education

- Chicago-Kent College of Law
- Illinois Institute of Technology

News

- James R. Baldwin joins Intellectual Property Department in Chicago office of McDonald Hopkins LLC