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**Practice Areas**

Intellectual Property

Mr. Hardman's practice emphasizes domestic and international patent procurement primarily in the electrical and computer-related arts. Mr. Hardman has drafted over 350 utility patent applications for a variety of technologies, including wireless communications, computer networking, digital signal processing, video compression, printer drivers, barcode reading, analog and digital circuits, and semiconductor structures. In addition, Mr. Hardman has responded to over 1,000 Office actions, including hundreds of Office actions for foreign patent applications. Mr. Hardman also has extensive experience conducting examiner interviews and appealing to the Patent Trial and Appeal Board.

A substantial portion of Mr. Hardman's practice is dedicated to counseling clients regarding patent strategy. Mr. Hardman frequently assists clients to analyze competitors' patents and design around such patents, and he has considerable experience with the drafting of opinions regarding patent validity, infringement, and unenforceability. Mr. Hardman has also prepared claim charts that map claims of pending applications or issued patents to relevant industry standards.

**EDUCATION**

University of California, Berkeley School of Law, J.D., May 2001

- Annual Review Advisor, Berkeley Technology Law Journal
- Awarded the Law & Technology Certificate

University of Utah, Honors B.S., cum laude, Electrical Engineering, May 1998

**PRIOR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- Austin Rapp & Hardman, Shareholder, October 2008 - May 2017



- Madson & Austin, Shareholder, January 2006 - October 2008
  - Madson & Metcalf, Associate, August 2001 - December 2005
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### **ADMITTED TO PRACTICE**

- Utah State Bar, 2001
  - United States Patent & Trademark Office, 2001
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### **PUBLICATIONS / PRESENTATIONS**

- The America Invents Act, Brigham Young University Seminar, April 18, 2013
- Inequitable Conduct After McKesson: Has The 'Plague' Returned? Dunes CLE, Current Issues in Patent Law, October 12, 2007
- What Every Attorney Should Know About Intellectual Property, Utah State Bar Business Law Section Luncheon, June 20, 2007 (Co-Presenter)
- Appealing to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, Dunes CLE, Patent Drafting & Prosecution: New Developments and Practical Tips, April 7, 2006
- Casenote, Signtech USA Ltd. v. Vutek Inc., 15 BERKELEY TECH. L.J. 147 (2000)