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## About Ron

Keith (Ron) Derrington has drafted and prosecuted more than 500 patent applications, with patent subject matter including mechanical, chemical, electrical, software and medical devices.

Ron has experience counseling clients in matters concerning existing patents, as well as developing strategies for the protection of intellectual property. He also participates in due diligence activities and negotiations for intellectual property matters related to mergers and acquisitions. In addition, Ron counsels U.S. and international clients in worldwide intellectual property ownership in the energy, oil and gas, transportation and aerospace and defense industries.

He has prepared numerous opinions relating to patentability, infringement, validity and freedom to operate. Ron's ability to interact well with inventors emanates from his previous engineering experience as a licensed professional engineer. Prior to entering the legal field, Ron worked for 10 years as both an engineer in the design field and as a reliability engineer. While working as a reliability engineer, Ron provided technical engineering support for the Orbiter portion of the NASA Space Transportation System.

## Recent Notable Matters

***Baker Hughes Incorporated*** — patent matters for numerous oil and gas exploration and production devices, including perforating, imaging and evaluation tools

***Lockheed Martin*** — drafting and prosecuting patent applications for aeronautical and aerospace improvements; also involved in appeals to the Patent Trial and Appeal Board

***Brightleaf*** — drafting and prosecuting patents related to advancements in solar energy technology; provide patent strategy to clients

## Education

South Texas College of Law Houston, J.D.  
1996

University of Houston, B.S., Mechanical Engineering  
1986

## **Noteworthy**

*The Legal 500 United States*, Intellectual Property (IP): Patent Prosecution: Utility and Design Patents, 2013 - 2015

BL Rankings, *Best Lawyers*, Patent Law, 2024

## **Affiliations**

State Bar of Texas, Intellectual Property Section

Houston Intellectual Property Law Association, Board of Directors, 2001 - 2003; Chair, Communications Committee, 2010 - 2012

Intellectual Property Owners Association

American Intellectual Property Law Association, Chemical Practice and Licensing and Management of IP Assets Committees

## **Bar Admissions**

Texas

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office