

Gregory P. Durbin

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING & COMPUTER SCIENCE PATENT
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Greg Durbin partners with innovators, early-stage companies, and investors to develop intellectual property strategies that advance their business objectives and protect their most valuable technologies. As a former practicing electrical engineer, he combines deep technical knowledge with a practical understanding of business priorities to craft strategies that align clients' IP with their long-term growth goals.

Greg's practice involves the full spectrum of IP matters, with a particular focus on patent portfolio development and management — preparing, filing and prosecuting strategic patents, both in the U.S. and internationally. He also regularly advises clients on design-around efforts, due diligence, freedom-to-operate and other patent assessments related to new product launches, mergers and acquisitions and investments. Private equity and venture capital groups often engage him to evaluate IP prior to an investment — and to build the portfolio that follows.

In patent litigation, he works closely with trial teams to develop overall strategy, key technical and legal positions, and assist with claim construction, dispositive motions, expert reports, trial preparations and settlement negotiations.

By combining technical insight, practical judgment and a clear understanding of client goals, Greg helps organizations manage the full lifecycle of their intellectual property and turn innovation into lasting competitive advantage.

Greg's core patent practice focuses on technologies involving:

- Battery Technology
- Conventional and Green Energy Technology
- Artificial Intelligence
- Vehicle systems
- Fitness products
- Computer hardware
- Telecommunications
- Enterprise software
- Data center products and services
- High-voltage electronics

Capabilities

- Intellectual Property
- Intellectual Property Counseling & Opinions
- Mechanical Engineering & Medical Devices Patent Prosecution
- Medical Devices
- Patent Preparation & Prosecution
- Post-Grant Proceedings
- Electrical Engineering & Computer Science Patent Prosecution
- Product Design & User Interface
- International Intellectual Property
- International Patent Filings & Strategy
- Technology
- Data Center & Infrastructure
- Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning

- Graphical user interfaces
- Advanced green chemical processing
- Plastic recycling

Education

- Franklin Pierce Law Center (J.D., 1999)
 - Top 10%; Master of Intellectual Property, 1999; Risk: Health, Safety & Environment, Editor, 1998-1999
- University of Michigan (B.S., 1991)
 - Recipient, Chancellor Academic Scholarship

Bar Admissions

- Colorado
- Admitted to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Colorado
- U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota

Memberships

- American Intellectual Property Law Association
- Colorado Cleantech Industry Association

Recognition

- Selected for inclusion in *IAM's* Global Leaders list, United States: Colorado, 2026
- *Managing Intellectual Property*, IP Stars – Patent Star, 2024-2025
- Named to *5280 Magazine's* "Denver's Top Lawyers" list for Intellectual Property: Patent Law, 2023-2026
- Selected for inclusion in *IAM Patent 1000* "Global Leaders Guide", 2021
- Ranked in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, Intellectual Property, Colorado, 2019-2025
- Selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America*® for:
 - Artificial Intelligence Law, 2026
 - Technology Law, 2025-2026
 - Patent Law, 2016-2026
- Selected for inclusion in *Colorado Super Lawyers*, Intellectual Property, 2016-2018
- Selected for inclusion in the IAM Patent 1000 list of the World's Leading Patent Practitioners, 2012-2025, Colorado - Highly Recommended Prosecution
- Volunteer Judge for the USPTO's National Patent Application Drafting Competition for the Rocky Mountain Region, 2021

Matters

- Patent portfolio development and management of an international telecommunications company.

- Patent portfolio development and management for Fortune 100 computer hardware and software company.
- Advised venture capital group with multimillion dollar investment in company involved in data center technology.
- Defended Apple Computer against patent troll.
- Used prioritized examination to obtain issued patent in less than one year that covers disruptive core technology of bioremediation company whose product revolutionizes the cleaning of drilling fluids.
- Assisted private equity-backed oil and gas company to successfully resolve a patent dispute with a patent troll.
- Represented leading fitness technology company to very successful claim construction Markman ruling.
- Worked with serial entrepreneur to protect his innovations related to cloud computing and 3-D seismic exploration data.
- Working with leading edge fitness company to introduce and protect indoor cycling, power measurement, and bike trainer products.
- Working with leading edge fitness software company to introduce and protect heart rate product, bike trainer software and application platform, and remote application display products revolutionizing fitness information technology.
- Conducted extensive freedom-to-operate assessments of acquisition target for a leading medical device company.

Publications

January 29, 2025

USPTO Announces New Artificial Intelligence Strategy