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Shelton Austin advises clients in all aspects of Intellectual Property law, focusing on building strategic patent portfolios and conducting comprehensive IP due diligence. A registered patent attorney and former USPTO examiner, Shelton applies a unique perspective to help clients protect innovation and maximize the value of their IP assets.

Shelton works closely with clients to understand their business goals and tailors strategies to meet these goals. He manages preparation and prosecution of patent applications across a wide range of technologies, including:

- All aspects of artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML), including low-level architecture design, adapter systems, new uses of AI/ML systems, among others
- Internet of Things (IoT)
- Radio frequency identification (RFID)
- Multimedia Related Technologies, including Video Coding, Image Analysis and Processing, Video Surveillance Systems, among others
- Computer Vision
- Camera Related Technologies
- Virtual Reality (VR), Augmented Reality (AR) and Mixed Reality (MR)
- Wireless Communications and Telecommunications Systems, including 3GPP, 802.x wireless networks, among others.
- Computer-Generated Imagery (CGI) Animation
- Network Security
- Software
- Medical Devices

Beyond patent prosecution, Shelton advises on IP due diligence projects, providing thorough analysis of Intellectual Property assets for various purposes. He evaluates intellectual property assets across a diverse range of industries from networking and telecommunications to healthcare and medical device technologies.

Before joining Polsinelli, Shelton gained valuable experience as a patent agent and later as an attorney for several national and international law firms. Shelton also clerked for the Honorable Marilyn L. Huff at the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California.

Capabilities

- Patent Preparation & Prosecution
- Electrical Engineering & Computer Science Patent Prosecution
- Intellectual Property Counseling & Opinions
- Intellectual Property
- Medical Devices
- In-House Automated Patent Drafting Tool
- Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning

In addition, Shelton examined patent applications at the USPTO, where he developed insights into the review process that he now uses to strengthen client strategies and secure IP protections.

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Education

- University of San Diego School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 2011)
 - Order of the Coif
- The Ohio State University (B.S., 2006)
 - Electrical and Computer Engineering

Bar Admissions

- California, 2012
- Admitted to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, 2007

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- State Bar of California
- Extern to the Honorable Marilyn L. Huff, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California

Recognition

- Pro Bono Award, Coordinated the United States Patent and Trademark Office Patent Pro Bono Program for west coast offices of a national law firm.