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Practice Areas

Intellectual Property Protection

Life Sciences

Business & Technology

Education

University of North Carolina School of Law
JD (2001) *cum laude*

Massachusetts Institute of Technology
PhD (1993) Chemical Engineering
MS (1991)

University of South Carolina
BS (1989) *summa cum laude*

Admissions

Massachusetts

U.S. Patent & Trademark Office

“We appreciate Bill’s dedication in helping us build a strong Digital Patent Estate. We are also grateful for his availability at a moment’s notice for due diligence requests.” – Choate digital biotech client

Bill Haulbrook leads Choate’s Digital Biotech and Engineering disciplines, counseling technology companies and their investors. He has a depth of experience in drafting and prosecuting patent applications, as well as handling patent licensing, patent validity research and analysis, and IP and freedom-to-operate opinions.

An increasing amount of Bill’s work involves artificial intelligence and machine learning (AI/ML) patent litigation and patent portfolio development. His AI work includes biomarker- and image-based diagnostics, drug development, big data processing, and novel neural network architecture.

Representative Engagements

- Ongoing representation of large medical imaging and diagnostics company with respect to IP protection and strategic partnerships.
- Development of patent portfolios for start-ups, venture-backed companies, public companies, and research institutions.
- Advising clients in patent reexaminations, oppositions, and pre-litigation strategies.
- Advising clients in joint development agreements and IP licensing issues.
- Performing IP diligence for clients seeking investor financing.
- Performing IP diligence for inventors interested in technology companies.

Publications and Presentations

- “101 Update & Industry Perspectives – Diagnostics & Bioinformatics,” moderator, BIO IPCC Fall Conference
- “Using Post-Grant Proceedings to Challenge Pharma Patents,” author, *IP Law360*
- “A Push by the USPTO for Faster Patent Processing,” author, *IP Law360*
- “Walking the Line: Advice for Patent Agents on Interacting with Clients without Direct Attorney Supervision,” panelist, Boston Patent Law Association Seminar

- “Clean Energy Fellowship Program,” panelist, New England Clean Energy Council, Boston
- “Strategic Choices in Nanotech Funding and IP Protection,” moderator, Nano Science and Technology Institute Conference, Boston
- “Nanotechnology: Strategies for Securing and Protecting Patents and Copyrights,” panelist, Strafford Publications CLE Teleconference
- “Nanotech Patents: Tips for Getting the Patent Protection You Need,” co-author and presenter, Nano Science and Technology Institute Conference, Santa Clara
- “Getting a Handle on the Software Patent Explosion,” author, *IPFrontline, Patent Strategy and Management*

Recognition

- “Patent Star” by *Managing Intellectual Property* (2016-2024)
- “Top Ten Intellectual Property Lawyers Influencing Nanotechnology” by *Nanotechnology Law and Business* (2008)