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OVERVIEW

Garrett Tobin is an associate in the firm's Intellectual Property practice. He focuses on patent preparation and prosecution, patent portfolio development, and strategic intellectual property counseling. Garrett works with clients ranging from emerging companies to established international businesses to protect innovations across a broad range of industries, with a particular emphasis on artificial intelligence and computer-implemented technologies.

A significant portion of Garrett's practice involves subject matter eligibility under 35 U.S.C. § 101. He has substantial experience preparing and prosecuting patent applications directed to software, artificial intelligence, financial technology, and other computer-related inventions, as well as innovations that incorporate software and artificial intelligence into broader technological environments such as vehicle systems, medical devices, industrial automation, and inspection technologies. Garrett regularly addresses eligibility issues through written advocacy and examiner interviews and closely follows developments in subject matter eligibility jurisprudence and USPTO guidance. He applies that knowledge when developing patent drafting, claiming, and prosecution strategies and works with inventors to identify and describe technological improvements with sufficient technical detail to support meaningful patent protection for computer-implemented innovations.

Garrett has significant experience developing and managing global patent portfolios involving complex prosecution and filing strategies across multiple jurisdictions. He prepares and prosecutes US patent applications and coordinates with foreign counsel to develop, maintain, and expand international patent portfolios. Garrett assists clients with invention harvesting, patentability assessments, portfolio development, filing strategy, and management of domestic and international patent families. He works closely with clients to align patent protection strategies with business objectives, competitive landscapes, product development plans, and evolving technologies.

Garrett's experience includes technologies relating to:

- Artificial intelligence, machine learning, agentic AI systems, multi-agent orchestration, AI model architectures, model training and deployment systems, and AI-enabled decision-making technologies;
- Software platforms, cloud computing, distributed computing environments, databases, data management systems, and search technologies;

- Payment processing systems, transaction management networks, financial technology platforms, cybersecurity, authentication technologies, and secure communications;
- Vehicle control systems, vehicle authentication technologies, connected vehicle systems, and industrial automation;
- Medical devices, non-destructive testing systems, electromagnetic inspection technologies, and sensing technologies; and
- Nuclear technologies, mechanical systems, materials science, chemical processes, and industrial equipment.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Garrett has been registered to practice before the US Patent and Trademark Office since 2018. Before joining the firm as an associate, he served as a patent technical specialist and summer associate while attending law school. He also completed a patent prosecution internship with an intellectual property law firm and participated in the University of Arizona Intellectual Property Clinic.

Before entering the legal profession, Garrett worked as an engineer and project manager for more than seven years. He designed, fabricated, installed, and commissioned process equipment and industrial systems for facilities in the chemical, steel, aluminum, and oil and gas industries. His engineering experience included pump and fan design, piping systems, HVAC systems, air pollution control systems, industrial ventilation, equipment fabrication, control system design, project management, and system startup.

Garrett's engineering experience provides practical insight into how technologies are designed, implemented, tested, and deployed in operational environments. This perspective assists him in working with inventors to identify technical innovations, develop robust patent disclosures, and pursue meaningful patent protection aligned with business objectives.

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law, 2021 (*summa cum laude*, *Order of the Coif*, *Arizona Law Review*, *Certificate in Intellectual Property*)
- M.B.A., Waynesburg University, 2017
- B.S., Pennsylvania State University, 2009 (*Chemical Engineering*)

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Pennsylvania
- United States Patent and Trademark Office

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 25 September 2026, NCS Multistage Inc. v. Nine Energy Service, Inc.: Private Sales Are Not Necessarily Public Disclosures Under the AIA
- 28 August 2026, Federal Circuit Confirms § 112(a) Support Required for a Reference's Provisional Prior-Art Date
- 14 November 2025, USPTO Director Squires Signals Future Update to AI Patent Eligibility Guidance at 2025 AIPLA Annual Meeting

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- [“Fencing off: Protecting market products under US patent law,”](#) *World IP Review*, 23 September 2022
- *Is the USPTO Turning Alice into EPC Art. 52?*, 62 ARIZ L. REV. 1121 (2020)

NEWS & EVENTS

- 17 March 2025, K&L Gates Receives Excellence Award for Representation of Wabtec in Acquisition of Bloom Engineering

AREAS OF FOCUS

- IP Procurement and Portfolio Management