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OVERVIEW

Mr. Ghabrial is a registered patent attorney with a background in biomedical engineering with an aggregate experience in engineering and intellectual property of more than fifteen years. He concentrates his practice on post-grant proceedings, patent procurement, and strategic portfolio management. He counsels clients on many facets of intellectual property including patentability, freedom to operate, patent validity, continuation strategies, and licensing practices.

As a PTO-registered lawyer, Mr. Ghabrial has experience handling matters in before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board as well as standard patent prosecution matters. Mr. Ghabrial has significant experience with post-grant proceedings including preparation of a number of inter partes review petitions targeting patents in various technical areas that were successfully adjudicated. Mr. Ghabrial also has significant experience in negotiating IP clauses in various types of agreements.

Mr. Ghabrial's experience spans a wide array of technologies, including medical instruments, telecommunications, trains, software applications, robotics, surgical ultrasonic devices, surgical Radio Frequency (RF) devices, stapling devices, vascular stents, wound closure, stem cells, absorbable polymers, transplantable scaffolds, metal refining, nanotechnology, high performance liquid chromatography, drilling equipment, and construction laminates.

Prior to his career as a lawyer, Mr. Ghabrial worked as an engineer and as a manager of intellectual property at a fortune five-hundred company. He is a named inventor on many patent applications and issued patents in the United States.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining K&L Gates, Mr. Ghabrial worked as a manager of intellectual property at Johnson & Johnson. During this time, he trained engineers on the patent process and conducted company wide educational seminars on innovation protection. He also managed a review committee for assessing invention disclosures. His work also included monitoring competitors' IP activities, developing blocking strategies, providing support for licensing and acquisition opportunities, working with business and marketing leaders to identify and protect areas of strategic value, and managing a software application for recording and tracking invention disclosures.

As an engineer Mr. Ghabrial worked on designing medical devices for minimally invasive procedures, developing implantable devices for transplantation of therapeutic cells, and designing biocompatible vehicles for delivering pharmaceutical agents. He also worked for several years in stem cell research, particularly on differentiating stem cells into mature Beta cells, and researching transplantation of differentiated stem cells.

Mr. Ghabrial is a named inventor on more than 20 patents/applications in the United States including methods for seeding cells onto a supporting structure for transplantation into a patient (US8017395), compositions and methods to create a vascularized environment for cellular transplantation (US 2007/0122448), and devices for endoscopic therapeutic cell delivery (US 2008/0039776).

EDUCATION

- J.D., Salmon P. Chase College of Law, 2011 (*cum laude*)
- B.S., Rutgers University, 2002

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Pennsylvania
- United States Patent and Trademark Office

NEWS & EVENTS

- 24 February 2020, K&L Gates Names 41 New Partners Across Global Platform (*Press Release*)

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Post-Grant Patents
- IP Procurement and Portfolio Management

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- prepare and prosecution patent application
- Freedom To Operate Analysis for Ocular implant
- prepare a non-infringement opinion