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OVERVIEW

Brett White is a partner in the firm's Intellectual Property practice and advises clients on patent portfolio development, patent protection strategies, intellectual property transactions, and technology risk management. He works with emerging companies, growth-stage businesses, and Fortune 500 organizations to build, manage, and monetize global patent portfolios aligned with business objectives.

Brett has extensive experience preparing and prosecuting patent applications in the United States and coordinating worldwide patent protection efforts. He regularly develops international filing strategies and manages patent portfolios across major jurisdictions, including Europe, China, Japan, Korea, and other key markets.

A significant portion of Brett's practice focuses on artificial intelligence and software technologies. He advises clients developing cutting-edge innovations involving machine learning, large language models (LLMs), generative AI, natural language processing, speech recognition, computer vision, cloud computing, cybersecurity, distributed computing, networking, and advanced software architectures. He also counsels clients on patent eligibility and patentability issues for AI and software innovations and has presented on developments affecting AI-related patent protection.

Beyond artificial intelligence, Brett has substantial experience in computer hardware, semiconductors, telecommunications, medical devices, biomedical technologies, robotics, augmented reality systems, electronics, and other complex technologies. He works closely with inventors, engineers, scientists, business executives, and in-house counsel to identify and protect commercially significant innovations.

Brett is also an experienced advisor on intellectual property aspects of corporate transactions. He regularly conducts patent and technology due diligence in connection with mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, financings, and strategic investments. His diligence work focuses on assessing patent ownership, portfolio strength, freedom-to-operate considerations, infringement exposure, licensing obligations, and the sufficiency of intellectual property assets supporting enterprise value. His experience includes leading intellectual property diligence efforts on significant strategic transactions. Based on available firm materials, Brett has participated in AI-focused patent and diligence-related matters.

In addition, Brett conducts patentability investigations, freedom-to-operate analyses, infringement and validity assessments, portfolio evaluations, and competitive landscape reviews. He also assists clients with patent

disputes and litigation matters, helping develop technical and legal positions relating to infringement, validity, and enforceability.

Brett is particularly valued for helping clients navigate the rapidly evolving intersection of artificial intelligence, software innovation, and intellectual property law, translating complex technologies into practical patent strategies that support long-term business goals.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Brett was an associate at a New York City law firm.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* for Patent Law in Seattle, 2023-2025

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Member, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
- Former Adjunct Associate Professor, City College of New York Grove School of Engineering, 2015

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Washington State Bar Association IP Summit – Presented on Patent Eligibility Issues for Artificial Intelligence-related Inventions, October 2022

EDUCATION

- B.S., City College of New York, 2013 *(Electrical Engineering)*
- J.D., St. John's University School of Law, 2009
- B.S., University of North Carolina, 2000 *(Biology)*

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of New York
- Bar of North Carolina
- United States Patent and Trademark Office
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York

NEWS & EVENTS

- 6 January 2026, K&L Gates Names More Than 25 New Partners Across Firm
- 18 August 2022, More Than 350 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2023 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch

AREAS OF FOCUS

- IP Procurement and Portfolio Management

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Drafted and prosecuted patent application to obtain US Patent covering artificial intelligence system used to generate photorealistic synthetic image data depicting an ensemble of objects appearing naturally together within a scene.
- Drafted and prosecuted patent application to obtain US Patent covering class-agnostic object detection in video for a voice user interface.
- Drafted and prosecuted patent application to obtain US Patent covering machine learning-based personalization as a service.
- Drafted and prosecuted patent application to obtain US Patent covering an AI-based system for model removal for online fashion images.
- Drafted and prosecuted patent application to obtain US Patent covering end-to-end learnable system for multi-person articulated 3D pose tracking in video.
- Drafted and prosecuted patent application to obtain US Patent covering three-dimensional human mesh generation using images from multiple perspectives.
- Drafted and prosecuted patent application to obtain US Patent covering a computer vision system for safety hazard detection.
- Drafted and prosecuted patent application to obtain US Patent covering machine learning based system for per-image optimization of printer configuration settings.
- Drafted and prosecuted patent application to obtain US Patent covering detection of intentionally evasive item listings on e-commerce sites with third party sellers.
- Drafted and prosecuted patent application to obtain US Patent covering realtime service that measures the information content of online queries for privacy risk mitigation.
- Drafted and prosecuted patent application to obtain US Patent covering a deep learning system for voice-enabled navigation of a multi-seller storefront.

- Drafted and prosecuted patent application to obtain US Patent covering a highly-virtualized hybrid virtual machine/containerized operating system optimized for Internet-of-Things devices.
- Drafted and prosecuted patent application to obtain US Patent covering methods for assessing hyperparameter drift and recalibration of machine learning models.
- Drafted and prosecuted patent application to obtain US Patent covering parallelization of multiple natural language understanding processing flows to reduce latency/compute load in speech processing systems.
- Drafted and prosecuted patent application to obtain US Patent covering privacy preservation in speech processing through noising/anonymization of natural language input.
- Drafted and prosecuted patent application to obtain US Patent covering detection of adversarial/fraudulent IP and telephone networks.
- Drafted and prosecuted patent application to obtain US Patent covering compression techniques for neural machine translation (NMT) systems.
- Drafted and prosecuted patent application to obtain US Patent covering multi-objective ranking optimization using stochastic labeling.