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Languages: Spanish

education

- J. D., Harvard Law School
- B.S., *magna cum laude*, Utah State University, Mechanical Engineering

expertise

Patent Prosecution • Trademark Prosecution • Copyright Registration • International Prosecution of Intellectual Property

Burns' practice includes corporate patent portfolio strategies and patent application preparation and prosecution, domestically and internationally. He has experience in technology patents, including computer software and hardware, consumer electronic devices, optics, telecommunications, and mechanical systems. He works with individual inventors, start-up companies, and major corporations.

Burns is a former equity shareholder and former Board of Directors member at a major IP law firm in Salt Lake City. He's also a former adjunct professor at the S. J. Quinney College of Law at the University of Utah and a former adjunct faculty member at the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University. He has lectured at professional conferences and organizations, including the Licensing Executives Society and the American Intellectual Property Law Association.

Burns is the proud father of four, a big college basketball fan, and a meteorology hobbyist. He once measured an air temperature of -64 degrees in the Utah mountains, a state record.



my focus

Artificial Intelligence	Automotive	Aviation	Consumer Goods & Services
Electric Systems	Clean Technology & Renewable Energy	Financial Services & eCommerce	Intellectual Property Portfolio Management
Manufacturing	Medical Devices	Networking & Wireless Technology	Optical Technology
Opinions & Counseling	Patent Prosecution	Post-Issuance Proceedings	Semiconductor

technical experience

- Mechanics & Mechanical Engineering
- Manufacturing Equipment
- Medical and Dental Device Technology
- Electronics & Electrical Engineering
- Electrical & Electromechanical Systems
- Semiconductors
- Telecommunications
- Consumer Electronics
- Computer Systems, Software & E-Commerce
- Business Methods & Information Technology
- Hardware Systems
- Software Systems and Architecture
- E-Commerce Technologies and Business Methods
- Internet Technologies
- Physics & Optics

professional admissions & associations

- Utah State Bar
- Registered Patent Attorney
- American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)

awards & recognition

- Chambers USA 2024
- U.S. News & World Report's Best Lawyers; Patent Law (2018 – 2025)
 - Lawyer of the Year; Patent Law (2020)
- Patexia Insights
 - Ranked #6, *Most Active Attorney in High-Tech* and Ranked #6, *Most Active Attorney Overall* (2025)
 - Ranked #6, *Most Active Attorney in High-Tech* and Ranked #8, *Most Active Attorney Overall* (2024)
 - Ranked #7, *Most Active Attorney in High-Tech* and Ranked #9, *Most Active Attorney Overall* (2023)
 - Ranked #10, *Most Active Attorney in High-Tech* and Ranked #13, *Most Active Attorney Overall* (2022)
- Mountain States Super Lawyer (2012 – 2024)
- IAM Patent 1000 (2016 – 2025)