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Brooks Fleischmann's father was always tinkering in the garage, sparking a passion in Brooks for engineering and solving problems. A mechanical engineer with a few patents of his own, Brooks' father showed him what it meant to build something with your own hands. Just as important, he taught Brooks that a good idea is only an idea until you learn how to protect it. That lesson planted a seed that flourished when Brooks learned more about patent law and found a career path built on helping others protect their best ideas.

Throughout his undergraduate studies in mechanical engineering and business, Brooks knew that patent law was his next step. "I wanted to focus my studies on patent prosecution and helping clients protect their innovations," he says.

Brooks' own drive stems from working with inventors who are passionate about what they do. "Inventors and innovators are some of the brightest and most creative people out there," he says. In his intellectual property practice, that passion translates into hands-on work across patents, trademarks, and copyrights—helping clients protect their ideas from every angle.

His business background offers an added dimension to his practice. During his undergraduate studies, Brooks started his own limited liability company to learn firsthand what starting a business actually involves. "Patent law is an overlap of everything that I find interesting," Brooks says. "There are technical aspects from the engineering perspective. There's strategy and decision-making from the business side. And most importantly for the client, there are the protective aspects that come from the law. As a patent attorney, you're always learning something new, since no two clients' inventions or businesses are ever quite the same."

Brooks' practice is about protecting his clients' interests. He wants to understand each client's product and business to offer the best legal strategies. "I want my clients to think of me not only as their patent attorney, but also as a partner in the business decisions they are making through their IP," he says.

Growing up in small-town central Iowa, Brooks stays close to his roots outside the office. He volunteers his time at Iowa State University, working with students and entrepreneurs on intellectual property, sharing what he's learned with the next generation of engineers and inventors.



PRACTICE AREAS

- Intellectual Property
- Copyrights
- Patents
- Trademarks & Legal Brand Management

EDUCATION

- University of Missouri School of Law (J.D.)
- Iowa State University (B.S., mechanical engineering, general business minor, magna cum laude)

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Iowa
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Registered Patent Attorney

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Summer Associate, Nyemaster Goode, P.C.
- Summer Associate, Thompson Coburn, LLP, St. Louis, MO

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

American Bar Association

Iowa State Bar Association

Polk County Bar Association

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Patent Law Moot Court Competition, co-champion

Board of Advocates Negotiation Competition, finalist

CALI Excellence for the Future Awards

- Legal Research and Writing
- Advocacy & Research
- Trademark Law
- Internet Law & Practice
- Negotiation

SPEECHES & PUBLICATIONS

"The Obviousness Paradox: Should Design and Utility Patents Play by the Same Rules?" *Missouri Law Review* (2025)