



John Routon is dedicated to protecting valuable intellectual property for those he serves. John listens to client needs and helps them develop and implement a purposeful strategy to secure markets worldwide using their IP, while identifying and managing the risks inherent in conducting business in today's competitive environment.

John is a patent attorney with a practice that covers patents, trademarks, copyright and trade secrets. He prepares and prosecutes applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to obtain IP rights for his clients; negotiates and drafts license agreements and nondisclosure agreements; performs freedom-to-operate and due diligence analyses; and advises clients regarding litigation.

In addition to his practice in U.S. patent law, John prepares international Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) applications and manages prosecution for foreign patent applications. He has obtained patent protection in Japan, the United Kingdom, Germany, and other European Patent Convention countries, as well as Canada, Mexico and China. John's experience with Chinese protection also includes preparing both utility model and invention applications to provide clients with the appropriate level of protection.

Notably, John's areas of technical experience includes a variety of mechanical arts such as gas turbine engines, laser communication systems, wave rotors, fuel injectors and dynamic pressure exchangers, along with plastic containers, automobile bodies, automobile seats, children's car seats, and hospital beds.

Prior to joining Barnes & Thornburg, John worked as an engineer for a large gas turbine engine manufacturing company. Notably, he worked on projects related to the testing and certification of gas turbine engines for civil and military applications.

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