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Executive summary

Bob helps clients navigate every stage of developing, protecting, and maximizing the value of their intellectual property. He works closely with innovators across a wide range of industries and technologies, including e-commerce, artificial intelligence, financial services, cyber security, software, communications, biotech, automotive, manufacturing, and oil and gas industries, to protect and exploit these assets for their businesses.

With deep experience identifying commercial strengths in products and services, Bob is skilled at creating practical strategies to protect those differentiating features and support long-term growth.

Before becoming a lawyer, Bob built a strong technical foundation through roles at a major international computer company, a medical device manufacturer, and an international stereo equipment company—experience that gives him an insider's understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing today's technology-driven businesses.

EDUCATION

Queen's University, LLB, 1994

University of Waterloo, BSc (Hons) in Computer Engineering, 1990

BAR ADMISSION

Ontario, 1996

Expertise

Intellectual Property

Technology

Corporate & Commercial

Representative work

Bob provides advice in developing, exploiting and managing world-wide patent portfolios for a renowned secure communications service provider and a major Canadian communication device manufacturer. He assists in developing and managing world-wide trademark portfolios for a major Canadian lumber supplier and an international charity related to a chronic disease.

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Insights

Publications

Social Media vs. Privacy and Personality Rights - 28 February 2020

Intellectual Property Issues For Your New Launch - 11 November 2016

Presentations

Bob has been a panel member on several presentations relating to protecting inventions through patents, the state of business method patents in the world and IP strategies for new product and service deployments.

Bob has been a lecturer on IP commercialization strategies at the University of Toronto's GP LLM program and a tutor for patent drafting sessions at the Intellectual Property Institute of Canada (IPIC) at the IPIC/McGill summer patent courses.

Memberships and recognition

Professional memberships

- Intellectual Property Institute of Canada
 - Canadian Bar Association
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Recognition

- Best Lawyers in Canada 2025/2026 for Technology Law, Intellectual Property Law (2026)

Community engagement

- Participant – Pro Bono Law Ontario
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