

# THE HARRIS FIRM

## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

### About the Firm

The Harris Firm is a Japan-based foreign-registered law firm that advises on European and other non-Japanese IP law, and provides related international IP legal services. The firm's capabilities, efficiency, and state-of-the-art technical resources enable it to offer comprehensive intellectual property legal services to individuals and organizations of all sizes in local, state, national and international matters. Clients include emerging and middle-market businesses, large corporations, research universities, and not-for-profit institutions and individuals.

The Harris Firm adheres to the highest standards of legal excellence, and the highest standards of service. Its principal and founder, Ron C. Harris, Jr., is respected not only for the depth of his industry knowledge, but for being responsive, efficient, and easy to work with.

Our experience on behalf of foreign and domestic clients encompasses patent, copyright, and trademark litigation, patent drafting and prosecution, and intellectual property counseling and licensing. For example, we consistently work to obtain favorable settlements, judicial rulings and strategically worded patent claims. We also regularly help our clients to develop meaningfully constructed and enforceable patent portfolios, as well as optimal infringement avoidance strategies. Our current practice includes all aspects of intellectual property with a particular emphasis on patent solicitation and counseling.

### Technical Experience

The Harris Firm offers technical expertise in all areas of science or engineering, with emphasis in chemical engineering, biotechnology, software, and mechanical engineering. In addition to Mr. Harris, the Harris Firm is affiliated with technical advisors who have expertise in all technical areas. All affiliated specialists have substantial practical experience either as United States Patent examiners or as high level engineers or researchers in the commercial and academic research sectors.

### Our People

#### **Ron C. Harris, Jr., Principal**

Ron Harris's day-to-day practice involves all aspects of global patent application preparation and prosecution. He provides daily advice in chemical, pharmaceutical, medical device, software, mechanical, electrical and biochemical technologies.



#### **Joel DeJesus, Technology Specialist**

Joel DeJesus provides technical expertise in the encryption, financial modeling, networking, and software fields. His specialty is high-level data encryption such as using elliptical curve algorithms and public key management.



#### **Matthew Ryan, Technical Specialist**

Matthew Ryan provides technical expertise in the encryption and financial modeling fields. His specialty is data encryption protocols and their vulnerabilities especially from efficient factorisation algorithms. He is currently researching topological quantum field theory.



#### **Bernard Taresco, Design Specialist**

Bernard Taresco provides creative expertise from his over 30 years of experience in design, production, operations and direction of cultural events, exhibitions, visitor experiences, expo pavilions, concerts and ceremonies.



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### **Practice Overview**

The Harris Firm provides comprehensive and innovative counsel to help clients exploit the full value of their intellectual property rights. The firm has extensive experience and depth in all aspects of obtaining and protecting intellectual property rights with a special emphasis in the areas of patent prosecution and post-grant proceedings, trademark protection and intellectual property licensing. We provide high-quality, responsive service that assists our clients in achieving their business objectives in an environment driven by the fast pace of technological change. Our client-tailored service is provided to entrepreneurs, start-up companies, individual inventors, universities and larger companies, in both cutting edge and more established technologies.

### **Patent Prosecution**

As a burgeoning patent procurement law firm, The Harris Firm has a wealth of knowledge and experience. This depth of education and experience enables the firm to analyze technical and legal issues efficiently and effectively, and to present the most persuasive case on behalf of our clients.

### **Opinions and Counseling**

In addition to patent preparation, prosecution, and procurement, The Harris Firm provides its clients with advice on a wide range of patent topics. Using our expertise, we counsel and recommend the appropriate course of action in a variety of situations. Where appropriate, we provide written opinions that contain a detailed summary of our investigation and analysis.

### **Administrative Proceedings**

The Harris Firm has developed particular skills and experience in the specialized fields of patent reexaminations, patent reissue applications, patent *inter partes* reviews, patent interferences, and trademark oppositions and cancellation proceedings.

### **Patent Litigation**

We recognize that each patent exists for its own unique reason(s), whether it be to open a niche market (defensive), to achieve monopoly pricing (exclusion of others), or to monetize technology (licensing/sale). When seeking to enforce or defend, we accordingly scale both cost and technique to fit each client's strategic need.

### **Copyright**

Clients of the firm are engaged in the creation and development of a wide variety of copyrightable works. These works include computer software, advertising materials, training programs, works-of-art, blueprints, photographs, catalogs, and maps.

### **Licensing & Transactions**

We work together with our clients respectively to maximize or eliminate royalty payments. This is accomplished through licensing education, counseling, and negotiation in connection with, for example, domestic and foreign joint ventures.

### **Brand Management & Trademark Registration / Enforcement**

Brand management is more than simply selecting a name or symbol for a product or service. We recognize that a strong brand identity is one of the most valuable assets a business can have and our expertise in all areas of trademark law provides guidance from initial selection of a mark to enforcement against infringers.

### **Trade Secrets**

To the extent a business holds identifiable trade secrets they should be protected. Trade secrets may include such elements as proprietary formulae, manufacturing processes and drawings, software, marketing information, business plans, and customer lists. Protecting trade secrets requires emphasizing confidentiality, such as need-to-know accessibility and security.



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