

STAAS & HALSEY LLP ATTORNEY SPOTLIGHT – THOMAS E. MCKIERNAN



In this quarter's "Attorney Spotlight," the firm is pleased to introduce Thomas (Tom) E. McKiernan. Tom has worked as an intellectual property attorney with Staas & Halsey LLP since 2005 and focuses his practice on patent acquisition.

Tom became interested in mechanics at an early age. Some of his earliest memories involve helping his Uncle Wallace, who had been an automotive mechanic since the 1920s, maintain a 1941 Buick Special automobile. Once in college, Tom developed an interest in electronics, while learning how to program a Digital PDP-8 in assembler language.

After completing his undergraduate degree, Tom worked as an engineer in the automotive industry for 14 years. His duties were focused mainly on applying math models to the design and optimization of engine components.

Tom later began looking for new challenges, and he eventually discovered that patent law is an excellent way to combine technical interests with writing. After a stint as a patent examiner at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, as well as a position with another Washington D.C. law firm, Tom came to work at Staas & Halsey LLP. He focuses his practice on patent prosecution in the electrical, computer, electronics, and mechanical fields.

Outside of the office, Tom enjoys reading, distance running, and home maintenance. He is currently looking for an old car to restore.

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