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Carl Oppedahl and his firm Oppedahl Patent Law Firm LLC — the Patent Lawyer and Intellectual Property Lawyer

This article talks about two fields of law which are surviving the economic recession better than others. Intellectual Property Law and Patent Law is for the technically minded and really both are often done by firms who offer Patent Law. The firm of Oppedahl Patent Law Firm LLC discusses their work in Patent and Intellectual Property Law.

Carl Oppedahl is the founding partner at Oppedahl Patent Law Firm LLC. Carl and his associates are very busy with patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret, and other related intellectual property services. He has 4 law associates at Oppedahl Patent Law Firm LLC, and a patent agent and one intern.

Carl Oppedahl has a strong technical background which he recommends all patent and intellectual property attorneys need. His training is in mathematics, electrical engineering, software engineering, and physics. He completed a bachelor's degree with honors in physics and mathematics in 1978 and obtained his law degree from Harvard Law School in 1981. Within his specialty area of patent law he has processed many patent applications and also prosecuted applications in computer software systems, electrical engineering, and mechanical areas. Other facts about the Intellectual Property Lawyer and the Patent Lawyer:

- Carl teaches as an adjunct professor at the University Of Denver School Of Law. There he is teaching Advanced Patent Law. He also has experience preparing students and professionals for the Patent Bar Review. He serves as a CLE lecturer in education programs presented in Texas, Georgia, Colorado, California and New York.
- Another important side of the patent lawyer is litigation when challenging patents that have been filed. He is admitted to practice before the US Patent and Trademark Office and prosecutes patent applications.

- Carl is highly recognized as a lawyer and holds a peer rating from Martindale-Hubbell of "AV". He is also chair of the Patent Cooperation Treaty Issues Committee which is part of the American Intellectual Property Law Association.

What are Carl Oppedahl's recommendations for becoming a Patent Lawyer of an Intellectual Property Lawyer?

First he recommends you choose the best school possible to get a degree in law and not necessarily patent law or intellectual law. He doesn't believe going to a school that focuses on either field of law is as beneficial as having a separate technical background that allows the lawyer to understand the product issues on a biotech or specialized level.

Next, Carl Oppedahl says he reviews many résumés as a hiring partner and he says his sorting criteria are easy. If the resume does not show any technical background or even a weak technical background the candidate's application is dismissed. The ones left are sorted by the reputation of their law school as being one the highest ranked or at the least the student's participation in a law review from any other law school. Other important facts on the resume are considered after these initial passes are completed. This is the process used by Carl Oppedahl and he says other firms may use different criteria for hiring a Patent Lawyer or an Intellectual Property Lawyer.



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Finally, Carl Oppedahl and his firm, Oppedahl Patent Law Firm LLC, after years of practice, find that what is taught in Intellectual Property Classes does not help anyone to be an Intellectual Property Lawyer or a Patent Lawyer. For the most

part, it is best learned on the job. This is why the partner and the firm look for brightest lawyers with technical backgrounds.

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