

# NICHOLAS S. DRYSDALE

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Nick works diligently with his clients to best achieve their patent prosecution goals. Dedicated to client service and sensitive to his clients' budgetary requirements, Nick's interpersonal skills are appreciated and are particularly effective to help resolve issues.

Don't let Nick's easy-going demeanor fool you. Nick has prepared more than 500 filed patent applications in a variety of technological areas, such as vehicle powertrain control, semiconductors, electric motor control and plasma generation systems. Nick works productively with Patent Examiners to expedite prosecution and minimize cost. Nick also has experience with USPTO appeals, and has prepared over 100 patent appeal related briefs. He was involved in drafting the Briefs leading to Ex Parte Wheat, Appeal No. 2010-008139 (BPAI 2012), which held that Patent Examiners cannot rely on alleged capabilities of a prior art controller to reject a functionally claimed controller unless the prior art controller is in fact configured to perform the claimed functions.

## PRACTICE AREAS

Patents

## INDUSTRIES

Automotive, Aerospace & Transportation; Chemistry & Materials Science; Clean & Green Technology; Consumer Electronics; Consumer Products; Electrical, Computer & Internet; Energy Production & Delivery; Manufacturing; Mechanical & Electromechanical; Medical Devices; Semiconductor Processing & Devices; Software & Information Technology; Telecommunications & Wireless Technology



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## NEWS/EVENTS

### IN THE NEWS

- Nick Drysdale Discusses the Future of AI Patents with World IP Review
- "Ahead of the Curve: Local attorney focuses on building relationships, patent management," *Oakland County Legal News*, February 2, 2017

## BACKGROUND

Working mostly with electrical inventions, Nick monitors case law regarding means-plus-function limitations (35 USC §112(6/f)) and subject matter eligibility (35 USC §101). He strives to keep his clients ahead of the curve when it comes to changes in the law, and how they affect patent management and strategy.

Nick joined Harness Dickey as a Law Clerk. In addition to working full-time throughout law school, Nick graduated in the top 8 % of his class. Prior to becoming a Patent Attorney, Nick was involved in business management, where he acquired extensive skills in client service and management.

## AWARDS & DISTINCTIONS

- *Michigan Lawyers Weekly*, "Up & Coming," 2018
- *Michigan Super Lawyers*, "Rising Star," Intellectual Property, 2019

## MEMBERSHIPS

- Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honors Society
- Eta Kappa Nu Electrical Engineering Honors Society

## EDUCATION

J.D., *cum laude*, Thomas M. Cooley Law School, 2008

B.S., Electrical Engineering and Systems Engineering, with honors, Oakland University, 2003

## BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Michigan

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office