

Senior Patent Engineer

Wanted - a key individual contributor with over 20 years of experience in Telecoms or related technologies. You will have architectural breadth and product technology depth. Your superior expertise will contribute to our industry leading patent evaluation activities.

The Position

The position is patent centric. The team activities include patent analysis, patent portfolio review, standards analysis, reverse engineering, patent claim charting, and patent litigation support. Our technology team product is high quality, accurate information that can be used to defend ideas, determine infringements and develop portfolios. Together with our legal and business experts, the technology team determines the worth of patents in telecom and related spaces.

The technology we assess varies regularly. Fundamental to our success is continued learning and adaptability. Our efforts cross hardware, software, and standards in wired, wireless and optical communications. Subject matter ranges from devices, to systems, to networks and applications, implemented in consumer products, commercial products, and infrastructure. Since the patent topics being worked on vary regularly, the role requires flexibility and a wide breadth of technical knowledge. You will be working closely amongst small, targeted, technology teams consisting of other senior patent engineers and scientists, junior patent engineers and occasionally outside consultants.

In summary, an interest in how things work is key. Previous exposure to patents is a plus, but not essential – our current technology team were all trained on-the-job. Office-based or home-based applicants will be considered.

The Work

Patent Analysis including understanding an invention; obtaining and reviewing art relevant to the invention; and discovering evidence of use of the invention.

Standards Analysis including identifying appropriate standards; determining linkages between inventions and the standard; and obtaining and reviewing appropriate contributions to the standard.

Presentation of findings, often in the form of claim charts, including presenting complex concepts to peers and clients.

You Will Use

- Knowledge of current and historical technology markets and key players;

- Previous roles in such positions as senior architect, subject matter expert, systems designer, Distinguished Engineer, or Fellow;
- Patent experience including assisting in drafting patents; named inventor; patent prosecution; or litigation technical expert; or
- Familiarity with the standards making process (e.g. 3GPP, IEEE, IETF, ISO).

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Our small, but growing, company is part of the Hilco family. The company includes a diverse group of patent engineers, legal and licensing professionals. Our technical advisory services are provided to top technology and law firms in relation to patent portfolio development strategies, licensing and litigation support as well as due diligence for financial transactions involving patents. Our services relate to a range of patent portfolios containing from tens to thousands of patents. We are continuously learning as we develop a deep knowledge of products and patents.

Our technology teams have offices located in Ottawa, Canada and in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. We have additional US locations in Chicago and Plano. Several key contributors are home based throughout North America.