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Dr. Bruce Wagar, an associate in the Patent Practice Group at Leason Ellis, drafts and prosecutes U.S. and international patent applications across a wide range of technical disciplines. His primary areas of focus include computers and software, semiconductors, electronics, and electrical engineering, and mechanics. Bruce also has experience in design-around analysis, patentability searches, and authoring opinions for prospective applications that are suitable for consumption by a broad range of readers including inventors, patent examiners, judges, and laypeople.

While a practicing attorney and a member of the California Bar since 2009, the law is not Bruce's first profession. Prior to attending law school, Bruce was a senior engineer and inventor for over 15 years at IBM, where he obtained many U.S. patents. It is his deep love of engineering and experience as an industrial innovator that affords Bruce an engineer's perspective on the protection of engineered ideas.

Bruce enjoys counseling both his colleagues at the firm as well as his clients. He also addressed audiences in speaking engagements held in Sao Paulo, Washington, DC and Los Angeles. In 2016, Bruce was Chairman of the Los Angeles Intellectual Property Law Association Spring Seminar. Bruce holds a J.D. from Arizona State University and a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. He received his undergraduate degree from Binghamton University in Mathematical Sciences.

Selected Speaking Engagements

- IBM, "Large System Performance," 2004
- IBM, Annual Conference, "DFSORT Program Performance," 1993, 1995, 1996
- Ph.D. Dissertation, "Hypercube Sorting Algorithm," 1986



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Education

- Arizona State University, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, J.D., 2008
- University of Michigan, Ph.D., Computer Science and Engineering, 1990
- SUNY Binghamton (now Binghamton University),
 B.S., Mathematical Sciences,
 1983

Bar Admissions

- California
- Registered Patent Attorney: U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Experience

- Finch & Maloney, Associate, 2016-2019
- Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christine, Associate, 2008-2016
- IBM, Senior Programmer, 1990-2005