

## Steven B. Walmsley

Mr. Walmsley joined our firm in 2003 and currently co-chairs the firm's marketing committee. He is an experienced automotive engineer, and patent attorney with fourteen years of experience in the intellectual property field. His technical expertise includes mechanical, electro-mechanical, electrical, and software technologies, and his legal practice includes most phases of domestic and international intellectual property matters.

Mr. Walmsley's intellectual property experience:

- Conducting and managing international patent portfolios, including supervising foreign associates, and counseling clients on global strategies for patent procurement
- Negotiating and preparing technology agreements, including licenses, confidentiality agreements, employee agreements, and joint development agreements
- Supporting defensive and assertive litigation by conducting legal research, and drafting legal memoranda, motions, and briefs
- Procuring federal trademark registrations, and rendering trademark availability and registrability opinions
- Assisting a major client on-site as seconded in-house counsel, including conducting clearance investigations, publication clearance, and patentability assessments, and drafting licensing and university agreements
- Supervising associate attorneys' patent preparation and prosecution
- Rendering opinions on patent infringement, validity, novelty, and freedom-to-operate issues
- Preparing and prosecuting more than 350 original patent applications for mechanical and electrical devices, business and manufacturing methods, and computer-implemented systems

Mr. Walmsley particularly enjoys working with inventors to flesh out inventions to add value to patents, and assisting clients in designing around competitor patents. He regularly interviews Patent Office examiners to facilitate prosecution, and has an exceptional record on appeal.

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### Education

- Wayne State University Law School, J.D.
- Kettering University (fka General Motors Institute), B.S.M.S.E.
  - Tau Beta Pi
  - Scholar – National Society of Professional Engineers

### Bar Admissions

- Texas
- Michigan
- District of Columbia
- Virginia
- United States Patent and Trademark Office
- United States District Court

### Memberships and Associations



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- American Intellectual Property Law Association
- Michigan Intellectual Property Law Association
- Intellectual Property Law Section - State Bar of Michigan

## Distinctions

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- Super Lawyers® Rising Star - 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13
- Inventor of U.S. Patents: 6,196,682; 6,679,604; 6,857,738

## Technology Specialties

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- Mechanical and electrical devices
- Business and manufacturing methods
- Computer-implemented systems

## Professional Experience

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- Associate at Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering (now Wilmer Hale)
- Engineer at Ford Motor Company
- Intern at General Motors Corporation

## Representative Work

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- Powertrain controls: 7,869,926, 8,121,769, 7,658,178, 7,489,097, 20070288148, 7,416,510, 7,377,827, 7,219,009, 20110088674, WO2008103630, 20110125361
- Vehicle interiors and electronics: 20060113810, 7,548,270, 20070195063
- Aerospace equipment: 8,146,411
- Electric fuel pumps: 7,874,818
- Packaging: 8,166,779, 7,975,862, 7,604,124, 8,120,484
- Superplastic forming: 6,910,358, 7,004,007, 7,047,779
- Welding: 7,267,736, 7,246,736, 7,154,064
- Engine ignition controls: 6,932,064, 7,040,282, 20100258099
- Business methods: 20070043614
- Electrical connectors: 7,658,645, 7,384,309, 7,503,793, 7,396,255, 7,438,585
- Fuel cells: 20100114513, 20110217609
- Test equipment and power control equipment: 7,436,504, 7,088,263
- Nano-technology microscopes and software: 7,569,077, 8,143,763, 20120005621
- Speech recognition and vehicle telematics: 20070250320, 7,725,316, 20070265849, 20080119980, 7,676,363, 7,650,229, 7,616,943, 8,054,990, 20080126091, 8,009,852, 20080126100, 20090012785, 7,983,916, 7,289,024, 7,881,929, 7,369,664, 20090164216, 20090134991

## Publications

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Best MODE: A Plea to Repair or Sacrifice This Broken Requirement of United States Patent Law," published in University of Michigan Telecommunications, Technology Law Review, 2003

"Patent Law Best Mode: Reports of Its Death Are Greatly Exaggerated" published in Intellectual Property Today, 2012