

Law Student Patent Claims Drafting Competition (Patent Prosecution Focused)

\$2,500 Prize

Saturday, February 24th, 2024

Guidelines and Criteria

INTRODUCTION

Brooks Kushman is pleased to announce its Law Student Patent Claims Drafting Competition ("Competition"), a claim drafting competition open to any law student in good standing and currently enrolled in an ABA-accredited law school, who is eligible to sit for (or has already passed) the Patent Bar, and is a citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States.

Founded in 1983, Brooks Kushman has built a national reputation as a premier intellectual property and technology law firm. We accomplish this with the understanding that the most effective IP solutions come from putting great minds together—our clients and our own. With offices in Michigan, California, Washington D.C., and Nevada, we forge strong relationships with corporations, small to medium-sized businesses, and leading universities across the country. Brooks Kushman counts a number of Fortune 100 Corporations across a variety of industries among its clients. Our attorneys have a deep understanding and broad range of experience in a variety of industries and technologies, including consumer electronics, manufacturing, medical device, computer technology, aerospace, chemicals, biotechnology, and retail.

AWARD CRITERIA AND LIMITATIONS

1. Brooks Kushman will present an award, based on excellence, to a law student who drafts claims consistent with the instructions given during the competition.
2. All submissions must be the original work of the entrant.
3. There will be no more than one first place award given.
4. Law Student Winners:

First Place

The first-place award is a \$2,500 honorarium, and an interview with the Brooks Kushman hiring team.

Runner(s)-Up

Runners-up may be named at the discretion of Brooks Kushman and may be interviewed by the Brooks Kushman hiring team.

PROCEDURE

1. To declare their intent to participate, prospective entrants should email their resume to BrooksCompetition@brookskushman.com no later than 11 PM Eastern, Thursday, February 22nd, 2024, and include in the subject line of the email the statement “I intend to participate in the claim drafting competition.” The resume must include the email address at which the entrant prefers to receive email correspondence.
2. At 11 AM Eastern, Saturday, February 24th, 2024, Brooks Kushman will email information about a hypothetical invention, related prior art, and corresponding instructions to the email address identified in the entrant’s resume.
3. By no later than 3:30 PM Eastern, Saturday, February 24th, 2024, the entrant needs to email to BrooksCompetition@brookskushman.com a pdf document containing their claim set drafted in accordance with the hypothetical invention, related prior art, and corresponding instructions. (The competition lasts 4.5 hours.)
4. So that entrants having different technical backgrounds can all compete, the hypothetical invention and related prior art will represent relatively simple mechanical technology that should not require any specialized background to grasp.
5. Brooks Kushman reserves the right not to award any prizes if it is determined that no entries are of sufficient quality to merit selection that year.
6. Brooks Kushman will notify by email the winner by Friday, March 1st, 2024. If a potential winner does not respond within 5 business days after Brooks Kushman’s first attempt to notify them, or if the notice is returned as non-deliverable, the potential winner forfeits all rights to be named as winner or receive a prize, and an alternate winner may be selected.

ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Brooks Kushman is not responsible for any computer or software errors, Internet failures, telecommunication or hardware or software failures, printing errors in these rules, or other technical failures incurred by contestants. Brooks Kushman is not responsible for errors or for lost, late, or misdirected mail or email, including by reason of any bug or computer virus or other failure.

Brooks Kushman may cancel, modify, or terminate the competition if it is not capable of completion as planned, including by reason of infection by computer virus, tampering, unauthorized intervention, force majeure, or technical difficulties of any kind.

1. By entering this contest, contestant:
 - a. represents that their submission is original content;
 - b. understands that Brooks Kushman will not return their submitted copy; and
 - c. if selected as the winner, must submit a completed W-9 to receive the honorarium. The full fair market value of the prize will be reported on a

1099. The winner is responsible for all taxes in connection with receiving a prize.

2. Each contestant releases Brooks Kushman and its respective employees, officers, directors, contractors, agents, representatives, successors and assigns from any damage, loss, or other liability that may arise from or in any way relate to participation in this Competition. This Competition will be governed by all federal, state, local and municipal laws, and regulations. **This Competition is void where prohibited by law.** Any claim, judgment, or award will be limited to a contestant's actual out-of-pocket costs associated with entering this Competition. The contestant hereby waives any right or claim to attorney's fees, indirect, special, punitive, incidental, or consequential damage.
3. By participating, each entrant agrees to these Official Rules and the decisions of Brooks Kushman, and releases and discharges Brooks Kushman and its respective employees, officers, directors, contractors, agents, representatives, successors and assigns from any and all liability whatsoever in connection with this Competition, including without limitation legal claims, costs, injuries, losses or damages, demands or actions of any kind (including without limitation personal injuries, death, damage to, loss or destruction of property, rights of publicity or privacy, defamation, or portrayal in a false light) (collectively "Claims"). Except where prohibited, acceptance of a prize constitutes a release by any winner of all Claims in connection with the administration of this promotion and the use, misuse, or possession of any prize. All entries become the property of Brooks Kushman and will not be acknowledged or returned. Chances of winning will vary depending on the number and quality of entries.

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