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### Education & Legal Employment

Born January 27, 1938, Saginaw, Michigan  
B.S.E.(EE) 1960 - University of Michigan  
J.D.(with distinction) 1963 - University of Michigan  
1963-65: Law Clerk to Judge Arthur M. Smith of the U.S. Court of Customs and Patent Appeals  
1965-97: Associate & partner, Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione

### Publications

Author: *Patents and the Federal Circuit* (BNA 9th ed. 2009) with annual updates  
*Harmon on Patents: Black Letter Law and Commentary* (BNA 2007)  
Co-author (with Judge Smith) *Patent Law* (Overbeck 1964)  
Various articles on patent law and flyfishing

### Bar Admissions

United States Patent and Trademark Office  
District of Columbia, Illinois and Wisconsin state bars; Northern District of Illinois trial bar  
United States Supreme Court, Federal Circuit, Court of Federal Claims, various federal district and regional circuit courts

### Practice

Service as special master and expert witness in patent infringement litigation; ADR and neutral evaluation of IP disputes; consultation on litigation strategy; mock hearings. Special master work has included trial of issues, *Markman* hearings, and resolution of complex motions, including numerous summary judgment motions. Patent experience has involved a wide variety of technologies, including machine tools, electronics, communications systems, computer and software technology, cryptology, robotics, automotive and agricultural equipment, genetic engineering, plastics machinery, laser applications, imaging (ultrasonic, MRI, xray), firearms, ballistics, various medical technologies, well drilling, and materials processing. Past practice includes litigation, opinions, counseling, and consulting on patent infringement and validity, reissues, reexaminations, interferences, and complex patent prosecution; also, litigation and counseling in other areas, such as unfair competition, trade secrets, antitrust, and licensing.