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The task of recognizing, developing, protecting and exploiting IP has never been more important—or more complex. It is imperative that businesses secure the services of thoughtful, incisive and cost-effective IP counsel. The attorneys, agents and staff of MWZB have been fulfilling these needs effectively for our clients for almost 50 years.



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Ryan Pool is a Director at the firm who practices in a diverse set of technologies, including the chemical, mechanical, pharmaceutical, and design arts. He specializes in patent drafting, patent prosecution, and portfolio management. Mr. Pool joined the firm in 2009.

His practice has involved considerable work in the international patent sphere and he has developed expertise in the patent laws of many foreign nations. Developing this understanding of the world's differing standards of patentability and other patent issues has enabled him to help his clients build and maintain worldwide patent portfolios.

Mr. Pool is especially involved in Japanese patent practice and makes regular trips to visit clients in Japan. He has also been invited to conduct several IP practice seminars for Japanese Patent Attorneys. He is also a member of the AIPLA IP Practice in Japan Committee and regularly speaks at their events.

Mr. Pool also heads the firm's design patent practice and has developed considerable experience and expertise in drafting, prosecuting, and counseling clients with regard to these applications.

Mr. Pool makes an effort to stay on the leading edge of US patent prosecution by regularly conducting analytical research into the holdings of the PTAB and Federal Circuit. His work was featured in the 100th anniversary edition of the Journal of the Patent and Trademark Office Society.

Mr. Pool a registered patent attorney at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and is also admitted to practice before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and in the courts of Florida.

Before joining the firm, Mr. Pool worked as a state's attorney, where he gained considerable trial experience prosecuting misdemeanor and felony cases. He also worked for a private civil litigation law firm before joining MWZB.

Mr. Pool was born and raised in South Carolina.

### Services

Preparation and Prosecution of Domestic and International Utility Patents, Preparation and Prosecution of Domestic and International Design Patents and Patent Portfolio Management and Strategy

### Technologies

Chemical, Mechanical, and Design

### Education

- Florida State University College of Law (J.D. 2009)
- University of South Carolina (B.S., Biology/ Political Science 2006)

### Membership & Affiliations

- American Intellectual Property Law Association
- PTAB Bar Association

### Admissions

- Florida State Bar (2009)
- Admitted to practice before the United States Patent & Trademark Office (2009)

### Publications

- Should You Appeal: A look at success rates before the PTAB on an individual rejection basis. Journal of the Patent and Trademark Office Society, June 2018.