

Grant R. Clayton



Grant R. Clayton became a member of the Utah State Bar in 1985 and a Registered Patent Attorney in 1986. He was appointed an Adjunct Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Utah in 2003. Grant is one of the founding shareholders of the IP law firm of Clayton, Howarth & Cannon, P.C., located in Cottonwood Heights, Utah, where he has practiced since 1999. Prior to the formation of Clayton, Howarth & Cannon, he practiced intellectual property law as a partner with the firm of Thorpe, North & Western (1990-1999) in Sandy, Utah and as an associate with the firm of Workman, Nydegger & Jensen (now Workman Nydegger) (1985-1990) in Salt Lake City, Utah. His practice is limited to all aspects of intellectual property law and emphasizes protection of inventions, including via national and international patent prosecution, copyright protection, and protection of brand identities, including registration of trademarks and service marks in the United States and other jurisdictions. Grant served as chair of the Patent, Trademark & Copyright Section (now the Intellectual Property Law Section) of the Utah State Bar 1991-92 and served as Chair of Lawyer Benefits Committee of the Utah State Bar from 1998-2006 and as Co-Chair Member Resources Committee of the Utah State Bar from 2006-2009. Grant received an undergraduate degree from Brigham Young University in 1980 and his law degree from the University of Utah in 1985 where he served as a member of the Utah Law Review and upon graduation was elected a member of the Order of the Coif. During his career, Grant has prepared or prosecuted over 275 patent applications covering a wide variety of technologies and over 1300 U.S. trademark applications and over 600 trademark applications outside of the U.S. for a wide variety of clients. Grant has also represented clients in over 300 Trademark Trial and Appeal Board actions (the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (“TTAB”) is an administrative body within the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office which determines whether a particular party is entitled to a U.S. trademark registration, either as a dispute between two trademark claimants or a dispute between a trademark applicant and a trademark examiner). Furthermore, Grant has served many clients as counsel in the federal courts asserting and defending against patent, trademark and copyright causes of action. Additionally, Grant has served as an expert witness in federal court in patent and trademark cases. Grant and Clayton, Howarth & Cannon have received an “AV”® by Martindale-Hubbell and is listed in Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers in the practice areas of Intellectual Property Law and Patent Law. Clayton, Howarth & Cannon has also been name as one of the “The Go-To Law Firms® of the World’s Leading Companies,” as reported in Fortune magazine, Volume 159, Number 9, May 4, 2009.