



US Patent Attorney/Patent Agent - Telecommunications Sector

Dynamic intellectual property law firm

Job Information

Hiring Company

[Sonoda & Kobayashi Intellectual Property Law](#)

Job ID

1455377

Industry

Other (Consulting and Professional Services)

Company Type

Small/Medium Company (300 employees or less)

Non-Japanese Ratio

Majority Japanese

Job Type

Contract

Location

Tokyo - 23 Wards, Shinjuku-ku

Train Description

Yamanote Line, Shinjuku Station

Salary

5 million yen ~ Negotiable, based on experience

Work Hours

フレックスタイム制 (コアタイムなし)

Holidays

土日祝日

Refreshed

June 3rd, 2026 12:00

General Requirements

Minimum Experience Level

Over 3 years

Career Level

Mid Career

Minimum English Level

Native (Amount Used: English Only)

Minimum Japanese Level

None

Minimum Education Level

Bachelor's Degree

Visa Status

No permission to work in Japan required

Job Description

Are you a skilled and experienced Patent Attorney or Patent Agent with a passion for innovation and technology? Are you

looking for an exciting opportunity to contribute to the field of telecommunications and protect cutting-edge inventions? If so, we have the perfect position for you!

About Us:

We are a leading Japanese intellectual property (IP) law firm with offices in Tokyo and Beijing focused on providing top-notch legal services to international clients from various industries. Our team is comprised of talented attorneys and engineers dedicated to safeguarding our clients' valuable inventions through robust patent protection strategies.

Role and Responsibilities:

As a Patent Attorney/Patent Agent specializing in the telecommunications sector, you will play a crucial role in handling patent applications for our esteemed clientele. Your responsibilities will include:

Patent Application Management: Filing and prosecuting patent applications before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in the field of telecommunications.

Office Action Responses: Strategically crafting responses to Office Actions issued by the USPTO as well as other patent offices (mainly EPO and IPO) to overcome rejections and obtain favorable outcomes for our clients' patent applications.

Examiner Interviews: Conducting examiner interviews (USPTO) to provide clarifications and address any concerns related to pending patent applications.

Patent Portfolio Development: Collaborating with inventors and clients to identify and protect valuable intellectual property within the telecommunications industry.

IP Strategy Development: Assisting in the formulation and implementation of effective IP strategies to ensure maximum protection for our clients' innovations.

Studying: Stay updated with the latest developments in patent laws, regulations, and procedures to ensure compliance and provide accurate advice to the team.

Docketing Supervision: Assist in managing patent dockets, tracking deadlines, and maintaining accurate records of patent applications and related documents.

Required Skills

To be successful in this role, you should possess the following qualifications:

Educational Background: A minimum of a Bachelor's degree in Physics, Electrical Engineering, communication engineering, or Computer Science from an accredited institution. Advanced degrees and relevant certifications are a plus.

Professional Experience: At least two years of practical experience in the field of intellectual property, specifically working with patent applications related to telecommunications.

USPTO Registration: Must be a licensed US Patent Attorney or a registered Patent Agent, in good standing with the USPTO.

Technical Proficiency: Strong technical knowledge in the fields of telecommunications, networking, wireless technologies, and related areas.

Legal Expertise: Thorough understanding of patent laws and regulations, with the ability to apply legal principles to protect and enforce patents effectively.

Communication Skills: Excellent written and verbal communication skills, with the ability to convey complex technical or legal concepts clearly and persuasively.

Analytical and Problem-Solving Skills: Strong analytical thinking and problem-solving abilities to address complex legal and technical issues.

Language Skills: Japanese or Chinese language skills are considered a plus.

Citizenship: USA. (To file U.S. applications and other procedures while residing out of the United States.)

Note: The position is open to both US Patent Attorneys and registered Patent Agents. However, USPTO registration is a prerequisite for consideration.

Location:

Tokyo, Japan with the possibility of working from home.

What's in it for you:

We offer a competitive compensation package commensurate with experience, along with a range of benefits, including flextime working hours without fixed core time, possibility to work from home, access to maternity/paternity leave etc.

At Sonoda & Kobayashi, we recognize the value of our employees and engage them as true partners in running our business. We need your expertise and value your opinions. Come be a part of our team!

Visa requirements:

We can provide support for a Japanese working visa application.

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