

# GEORGE "TRIPP" WILLINGHAN

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## LICENSURE

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| ▪ United States Patent and Trademark Office                | 1997 |
| ▪ Virginia Bar Association                                 | 1997 |
| ▪ U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit             | 1997 |
| ▪ U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia | 1998 |
| ▪ District of Columbia                                     | 1999 |
| ▪ Maryland   | 2006 |

## EXPERTISE

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Intellectual Property Law ▪ Computer ▪ Electrical ▪ Software  
Telecommunications ▪ Chemical ▪ Biotechnology

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### **PATENT LAW**

**PATENT PORTFOLIO BUILDERS** (FORMERLY POTOMAC PATENT GROUP), Fredericksburg, VA 2014 – present  
*Associate* 2014 - Present

- Provide full intellectual property and patent law services including patent and trademark prosecution, licensing, counseling and opinion work. This includes preparation of utility patent applications, responding to Office Actions, filing PCT applications.

**AUGUST LAW, LLC**, Baltimore, MD

*Founder/Principal*

2003 – 2014

- Full service Intellectual Property Law Practice including Patents, Trademarks, Trade Secrets and Copyrights. Practice includes the preparation and prosecution of patent and trademark applications before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, providing legal opinions, counseling, and litigating disputes. Evaluate technology for patentable subject matter. Develop global strategies for protection of intellectual property. Negotiate and draft intellectual property licensing agreements, confidential disclosure agreements and work-for-hire agreements. Perform infringement investigations and respond to cease and desist letters. Practice covers a wide variety of technical areas including computer, electrical and software arts including global communication networks, consumer products, chemical arts and biotechnology with heavy emphasis and experience in computer software and computer hardware technologies including data handling and management, distributed systems, communication technologies and computing system optimization.

**KILE PARK REED & HOUTTEMAN PLLC**, Washington, DC

2012 – 2014

*Of Counsel*

- Provide patent prosecution services for patent applications in the electrical and electronic arts, most notably in the area of control circuitry for flat panel displays. This includes responding to Office Actions and revising foreign applications for national stage filing in the United States.

**MATERIAL-WAVE/INTERACTIONS LABORATORIES/GOLDMAN AEROSPACE,**

Pikesville, MD

2014

*Chief IP Counsel*

- Identify current status of all Intellectual Property rights and licenses covering these intellectual property rights. Review products and processes for coverage under company patents. Develop standard operating procedures for the identification and protection of company-wide intellectual property rights include invention disclosure forms and procedures. Develop overall IP strategy for company. Ensuring compliance with obligations under technology license agreements. Advise on Trademark and Copyright issues. Attention to company Trade Secrets and develop procedures for maintaining Trade Secrets.

**KILPATRICK STOCKTON LLC**, Washington, DC

2001-2003

*Associate*

- Patent attorney concentrating practice on preparation and prosecution of both U.S. and international patents. Technical areas included telephone networks, including cellular networks and the PSTN, telephone equipment, electrical, computer, physics, and business method patents. Practice also includes drafting of legal opinions related to validity, infringement, patentability and product clearance and drafting of licensing agreements for intellectual property. Practice also includes litigation support including research and drafting of legal memoranda and court papers.

**PENNIE & EDMONDS LLP**, Washington, DC

1997-2001

*Associate*

- Practice included intellectual property litigation, patent prosecution and opinion work. Litigation experience included participation in litigation before the United States District Courts and The International Trade Commission for cases involving computer, biotech, chemical, and mechanical patents. Practice also included participation in appeals from the United States District Courts and The International Trade Commission to the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Patent prosecution included the preparation and prosecution of original patent applications in covering mechanical, chemical, electrical, and biotech related subject matter. Practice also included Appeals to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences and filing and prosecution of foreign and international patent applications including through the PCT process.

**MORGAN, LEWIS & BOCKIUS LLP**, Washington, DC

1996

*Summer Associate*

- Performed research projects for various practice groups and patent prosecution and opinion projects.

**INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE**

**USACHPPM WATER SUPPLY, MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

Summer 1995–Spring 1996

*Environmental Engineer*

- Provided consultation work on water supply issues related to military installations and deployments with particular reference to the application of membrane systems.

**MEMTEC AMERICA CORPORATION**

July 1990–August 1994

*Project Engineer*

- Conducted field trials and research for membrane filtration plants at municipal water and wastewater treatment plants. Oversaw the design, construction, and implementation of full-scale filtration plants. Responsibilities included microbiological testing and monitoring, electronic monitoring and control, and mechanical design and manufacture.

**THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY**

January 1988–July 1990 **Senior**

*Research Assistant*

- Involved in numerous studies regarding environmental microbiological aspects of municipal water and waste water treatment including testing for bacteria, viruses, and protozoa.

**EDUCATION**

**GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER**

1997

*Juris Doctor*

**WIDENER UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER**

1995

**THE JOHNS-HOPKINS UNIVERSITY**

*M.E. (Environmental Engineering)*

1994

**HAMPDEN-SYDNEY COLLEGE**

1987

*B.S. (Physics/Computer Science)*