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## FIRM PROFILE

**BROWDY and NEIMARK, P.L.L.C.**, is a law firm specializing in intellectual property law, which includes patents, designs, trademarks, trade secrets, copyrights, plant protection, unfair competition, related licensing and litigation, and providing client counseling on these matters. The firm, including its predecessors, has been in existence in Washington, D.C., since 1952, and serves its clients in all aspects of intellectual property law practice. The firm is AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

The firm was founded in 1952 by Alvin Browdy. Sheridan Neimark became associated with the firm in 1962, and in 1969 the firm name was changed to **BROWDY and NEIMARK**. Roger L. Browdy joined the firm in 1971 and became a partner in 1976. In 1985, Neimark assumed responsibility for the practice of Karl W. Flocks and Associates. In 1989, Alvin Browdy retired from active practice, attaining senior counsel status; he passed away in 1998. In 1996, the legal form of the former partnership trading under the name **BROWDY and NEIMARK** was changed to a professional limited liability company with its current name **BROWDY and NEIMARK, P.L.L.C.** In July 2014, Sheridan Neimark retired from active practice.

**BROWDY and NEIMARK** specializes in all sectors of science and technology including chemistry, the mechanical and electrical arts, physics, computers, and the life sciences. The firm is particularly noted for its capabilities in life science-related fields: molecular biology, microbiology, immunology, biochemistry, pharmacology/pharmaceutical sciences, biomedical engineering, medical devices, etc.

Services offered by the firm include the preparation and prosecution of patent applications before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (PTO), supervision of prosecution of its domestic clients' patent applications abroad by its extensive international network of associate law firms, negotiating and drafting license agreements,

and preparing opinions on patentability, validity and infringement. **BROWDY and NEIMARK** also assists its clients in developing consistent, productive and prudent approaches to intellectual property management.

Patents procured by **BROWDY and NEIMARK** for its clients span a broad spectrum, from automobile accessories and equipment to monoclonal antibodies and recombinant DNA, from pesticides to plastics, from computer software and heavy duty electrical equipment to anti-hypertensive drugs.

**BROWDY and NEIMARK** also has extensive experience in advising clients in the area of trademark law. The firm assists its clients in all aspects of trademark practice, including the selection of trademarks, prosecution of trademarks before the PTO, preparing opinions on trademark registrability and infringement, and trademark licensing. The firm also has extensive experience assisting its clients involved in opposition, cancellation, and concurrent use proceedings before the PTO.

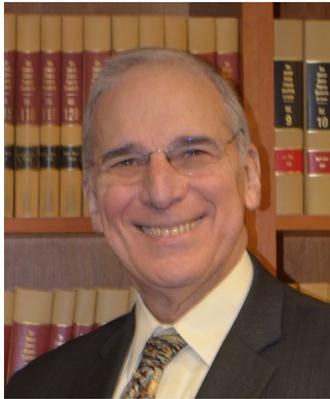
Our trademark practice groups consists of two of the firm's attorneys (Aoi Nawashiro and Ronni Jillions) both of which have an active trademark practice. Roger Browdy, who also has substantial trademark experience, is involved in our trademark practice as needed.

Members of the firm belong to a variety of professional associations: American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA), American Bar Association (ABA) including its Patent, Trademark and Copyright section, the District of Columbia Bar, Bar Association of the District of Columbia, Virginia State Bar Association, Maryland Bar Association, Maryland Patent Law Association, Licensing Executive Society (LES), Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM), American Association of Immunologists (AAI), American Society for Microbiology (ASM), Society of Industrial Microbiology, American Chemical Society (ACS), and American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

In addition to its legal staff, the firm has a support staff of over 10 people.

Below are individual profiles of the firm's professional staff.

**ROGER L. BROWDY**



Roger Browdy is the principal member at **Browdy and Neimark** who has expertise in all areas of intellectual property law, with primary emphases in the chemical and biotechnological areas and in trademark law. Clients often turn to Mr. Browdy when facing particularly vexing problems in the course of patent prosecution because of his long experience and specialized skills.

Mr. Browdy holds a B.S.E. degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Michigan (1967). He received his Juris Doctor from the Georgetown University Law School (1972). He is a member of the District of Columbia and Maryland Bars and also of the U.S. Supreme Court bar and the bar of the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

In addition to preparing and prosecuting patent applications, Mr. Browdy has extensive experience in the more complex practice of patent appeals and interferences, as well as in post-grant procedures, such as *Inter Partes* Reviews. In *Ex Parte Rubin* (5 USPQ2d 1461; PTO BPAI 1987), he achieved a significant victory relating to the enablement of cancer treatment. Mr. Browdy also represented a major research institution in a prominent three-way interference over recombinant human  $\beta$ -interferons, resulting in the *Fiers v. Revel* decision of the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (25 USPQ2d 1601, (Fed. Cir. 1993)). Mr. Browdy also argued the Federal Circuit appeals in *In re Wallach* (378 F.3d 1330, 71 USPQ2d 1939 (Fed. Cir. 2004)) and *Capon v. Eshhar* (418 F.3d 1349, 76 USPQ2d 1078 (Fed. Cir. 2005)), which resulted in important opinions for biotechnology practice and the claiming of novel DNA sequences. Mr. Browdy has handled numerous patent interferences and is recognized as one of a small number of experts in this specialized practice. Mr. Browdy also has experience in prosecuting *Inter Partes* Review proceedings. Mr. Browdy also has extensive experience in preparing legal opinions in various aspects of patent and trademark law.

Mr. Browdy has served as President of the Maryland Patent Law Association and has been an active member of other professional organizations.

## RONNI S. JILLIONS



Ronni Jillions has practiced in all areas of patent prosecution including medical imaging devices, neural networks, mathematical applications, memory devices, telecommunications, coding for data transmissions, semiconductors and their manufacture, appliance and robotic control systems, and other computer hardware, computer software, electrical and mechanical applications. Ms. Jillions received a Bachelor of Science degree in computer science from Washington University (St. Louis) in 1978 after which she worked for one year as a computer analyst/programmer for Control Data Corporation before returning to law school in 1979 at Washington University (Juris Doctor, 1982). Prior to entering private practice, Ms. Jillions worked for two years as a patent examiner in the computer arts, in both hardware and software.

Ms. Jillions also has extensive experience in preparing patentability and infringement/validity opinions, and in all aspects of patent litigation, from initiation of lawsuits, through document discovery and depositions, motions practice (discovery and dispositive motions), pre-trial preparation and trial practice. Ms. Jillions' litigation practice included extensive work on damages case preparation, particularly in "reasonable royalty" cases.

Since re-joining **Browdy and Neimark** in 2004 (Ms. Jillions previously an associate at **Browdy and Neimark** in 1988-1989), Ms. Jillions has continued her practice in patent prosecution. She filed one of the first *inter partes* reexamination proceedings at the PTO. Ms. Jillions has also been involved in presenting clients in interference proceedings.

Additionally, Ms. Jillions has represented clients in procuring trademark registrations in the USPTO. She has also handled opposition, cancellation, and concurrent use trademark proceedings before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, including advising clients on the merits of the claims, conducting discovery and pretrial proceedings.

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Ms. Jillions is a member of the District of Columbia bar. She is a member of the American Bar Association and the American Intellectual Property Law Association. Ms. Jillions is also a member of the Supreme Court Bar, and the bars for the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and other United States Courts of Appeal around the country.

## AOI NAWASHIRO



Ms. Aoi Nawashiro, a native of Japan, has a Bachelor of Law degree from the University of Tokyo, and worked at the National Diet Library as a legislative research analyst, assisting Diet (Japanese parliament) members in the area of copyright law, education, culture, and art law. She came to the U.S. as a Fulbright scholar to study U.S. and international copyright protection, and subsequently obtained a Juris Doctor from the University of Maryland School of Law.

Ms. Nawashiro began her practice in U.S. intellectual property law with an emphasis on trademark and copyright law in 1993 and joined **Browdy and Neimark** in 2002.

She handles all aspects of trademark prosecution, including trademark clearance searches and providing availability and registrability opinions, opposition proceedings, trademark opinions, and maintaining clients' trademark portfolios. She has advised clients about copyright infringement and registration, anti-counterfeiting measures, parallel imports, and domain name use and enforcement and UDRP proceedings. She has assisted clients in drafting and negotiating licensing agreements, employment agreements, and settlement agreements. She has represented clients in Lanham Act unfair competition litigation and proceedings before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board.

Ms. Nawashiro is a member of the District of Columbia bar and the U.S. Supreme Court Bar, and served as a chair of the Copyright Committee of the D.C. Bar Intellectual Property Law Section. She also belongs to the International Trademark Association and the Copyright Society of the U.S.A.

Ms. Nawashiro is fluent in both Japanese and English.

**JAMES E. MROSE**



Mr. James Mrose, is a former principal of Fish & Richardson, P.C. He received his Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Harvard University in 1986, and received his Juris Doctor degree from Boston University School of Law in 1989. Mr. Mrose has over twenty years of experience in patent prosecution before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, as well as international practice under the Patent Cooperation Treaty. He joined **Browdy and Neimark** in 2016.

Mr. Mrose's patent prosecution expertise covers a wide variety of technological subject areas, including semiconductor devices and their manufacture, interventional and non-interventional medical device technologies, computers and software, analog and digital electronics, and wireless communications.

Mr. Mrose has counseled a vast array of clients over the course of decades, from small start-up companies to large enterprises. He has extensive expertise in due diligence investigations, right-to-use searches and opinions, and, where appropriate, advising on design-around options with respect to patents held by others. Throughout his career Mr. Mrose has authored written opinions concerning non-infringement or invalidity of numerous patents.

Mr. Mrose is admitted to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and is admitted to the bar of the District of Columbia

**ALLEN C. YUN, Ph.D.**



Dr. Allen Yun is a patent agent with expertise in chemical, food, pharmaceutical, agricultural and biotechnology areas, with particular emphasis in biochemistry, microbiology, and molecular biology. He joined **Browdy and Neimark** in 1993.

Dr. Yun holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Microbiology from Cornell University (1979). He received his Ph.D. degree in the field of microbiology (molecular biology and biochemistry) from Cornell University in 1986. His doctoral work in the field of symbiotic nitrogen fixation and bacteria-plant interactions was conducted at the Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research. He has published numerous articles in scientific journals.

Dr. Yun also received a Master's of Chemical Engineering degree (M. Eng.) from Cornell University (1987) with particular emphasis in biochemical engineering and bioprocess technology. He was honored with the Acheson Scholar Award in the School of Chemical Engineering, Cornell University in 1986.

Dr. Yun's industrial career in biotechnology began at Ricerca in Painesville, Ohio, where he was the Senior Fermentation Microbiologist/Molecular Biologist involved with proprietary internal/contract process development, scale-up and manufacture as manager of Ricerca's fermentation pilot/production plant facility. He later moved to ChemGen Corporation in Gaithersburg, Maryland, where, as a Senior Scientist, he was involved with the research and development of bioprocesses through the use of recombinant DNA technology in the production (and the scale-up) of bacterial metabolites and enzymes by fermentation.

**JAY M. FINKELSTEIN (Of Counsel)**



Jay Finkelstein is a patent attorney specializing in patent prosecution with extensive experience in a wide range of technical fields including electrical devices, electronics, computer applications, semiconductor manufacture, communications, including cellular communications, television, medical devices and electromechanical systems. He joined **Browdy and Neimark** in 2000.

He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Drexel University in 1959 and a Juris Doctor degree with Honors from the National Law Center of the George Washington University in 1963, where he was on the staff of the Law Review.

Mr. Finkelstein began his career in the patent field as an Examiner in the U.S. Patent Office, where he examined patent applications in the field of computers. He then served as a Patent Advisor at the U.S. Army Materiel Command Harry Diamond Fuze Laboratory, followed by employment as a U.S. Patent Attorney at several patent firms in Paris, France. After returning to the U.S., he entered private practice in 1965 and represents a number of clients in the U.S. and Europe.

Mr. Finkelstein is a member of the District of Columbia Bar and the American Intellectual Property Law Association and has been admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and the United States Supreme Court.

Mr. Finkelstein is fluent in both French and English.

**ERIN D. GERAGHTY**



Erin Geraghty is the Office Manager at **Browdy and Neimark**. Ms. Geraghty holds a B.A. degree from the University of Maryland College Park, College of Arts and Humanities. Ms. Geraghty joined **Browdy and Neimark** in 1992, as a receptionist/administrative assistant. Through the course of her tenure with the firm, Ms. Geraghty has worked as a secretary, patent paralegal, new filing specialist, docketing clerk and docketing manager. Because of Ms. Geraghty's extensive experience, she is able to answer and assist clients in almost any non-technical matter. Clients often turn to her when dealing with difficult formality issues such as deceased or recalcitrant inventors.

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