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PARTNER AND PATENT PRACTICE CO-LEADER

Wib's practice includes all aspects of patent and related intellectual property law for technology clients.



## Industries

Life Sciences
Automotive & Transportation
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## Practices

Patent

## International

Asia
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## Education

University of Maryland School of Law, JD, 1993
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Wib regularly works with attorneys in related fields, including those focusing on Food and Drug Administration, health care, and corporate and transactional work.

In the patent field, Wib's work primarily involves technologies relating to medical devices, software, and methods of doing business, electrical devices and electronics, optics, telecommunications, and the mechanical arts, including work for the automotive industry. He routinely performs and supervises patent preparation, filing, and prosecution, and he counsels clients extensively on a range of intellectual property issues, including those relating to patent portfolio development and strategic protection, transactions, prelitigation counseling, and opinions.

With respect to life sciences related areas, overlap with other practices includes work relating to medical devices, biotechnology, and health care related software, among other technologies. His corporate related experience includes intellectual property due diligence and other transactional work, licensing related work, and opinion preparation. He also has extensive experience assisting startup companies with protection and development of intellectual property.

In addition to being the former practice group leader for the patent group, Wib recently became co-department manager for the regulatory group. Wib has chaired the firm's IP/Telecom, Medical Devices, and Software working groups, each of which includes interdisciplinary teams of attorneys focused on intellectual property, regulatory, legislative, litigation, corporate, and other issues for these industries. Prior to entering private practice, Wib served as an adjunct professor at the University of Maryland School of Law where he taught environmental courses.

## Publications, Presentations & Recognitions

Wilburn is recognized by *IAM Patent 1000*: United States: DC Metro Area (2025 & 2026), *The Legal 500 United States* - Intellectual Property: Patent Prosecution and is an "IP Star" by *Managing Intellectual Property*.

## Bar Admissions

District of Columbia

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