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Bruce is a founding partner of the firm. He has practiced exclusively in the field of intellectual property law since his call to the Ontario Bar in 1987. He is experienced in patent, trademark and copyright litigation with a particular emphasis on patent disputes concerning computer-related technology. Bruce is also a registered patent and trademark agent.

Bruce has represented both domestic and foreign clients in patent disputes in such areas as wireless communication protocols, e-mail systems, software systems, consumer products and oil and gas drilling and artificial lift equipment and systems. He has been counsel in the Supreme Court of Canada in cases that have resolved fundamental issues of patent and trademark law. Bruce's experience includes litigating and advising on copyright and trade secret matters. His technical background in computing science gives him a valuable perspective in cases involving computer and information technology.

Bruce has written and spoken on diverse topics such as the legal protection of computer technology and litigation in the Federal Court in Canada. He is the author of the *Annotated Patent Act* (Thomson Carswell), and a contributing author in Computer-Related Disputes in *Intellectual Property Disputes: Resolutions and Remedies* (Thomson Carswell). Bruce is a member of the Canadian Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the American Intellectual Property Law Association, iTechLaw, the Advocates' Society, and is a Fellow of the Intellectual Property Institute of Canada. Bruce has been described as a "hard-nosed" and "resourceful" litigator (*Who's Who Legal*). He is ranked in *Chambers Global Guide to the World's Best Lawyers*, in the worldwide *IAM Patent Litigation 250*, in *Best Lawyers in Canada* and is consistently recognized as both a litigator and an intellectual property practitioner in the *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*. He is listed in the directory of leading litigators published by *Benchmark* as a "litigation star". Bruce is also rated as Martindale-Hubbell DistinguishedSM.

Prior to obtaining his LL.B. from the University of Toronto in 1985, Bruce obtained a B.Sc. in Computing and Information Science (First Class) from Queen's University in 1981.