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Overview

About Phyllis

Phyllis K. Kristal is a principal in the Washington, D.C., office of Fish & Richardson P.C. Ms. Kristal joined the firm 1993. She has advised clients large and small in all industry sectors on IP matters for 25 years, including filing and prosecuting patent applications, reissues and reexaminations, and conducting freedom to operate, patentability, validity, infringement, landscape, and due diligence studies. With a mechanical engineering background, Ms. Kristal has seen the entire range of IP issues a company of any size may encounter, and has proven experience counseling companies on navigating the IP world.

Ms. Kristal previously worked at DEKA R&D on the development of mobility aids for the disabled, and at Candela Laser Corp. on the design of laser catheters for angioplasty, biliary stones, eye surgery, and dermatology.

Focus Areas

Services

- Patent
- Opinions and Strategic Counseling
- Patent Portfolio Management
- Startup and Early-Stage Companies

Industries

- Manufacturing
- Medical Devices

Education

J.D., Suffolk University Law School (1999)

M.S., Mechanical Engineering, University of Washington (1991)

B.S., Mechanical Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1987)

Experience

Inventor on Patents

Transportation vehicles and methods, U.S. 5,971,091, issued October 26, 1999

Human transporter, U.S. 5,701,965, issued December 30, 1997

Video-graphic arthroscopy system, U.S. 5,005,559, issued April 9, 1991

Insights

Undergraduate thesis on the design and construction of a video-graphic arthroscopy system. Patent held on thesis work and for work at DEKA. Graduate thesis on the measurement of tension in carpal ligaments. Certified EMT.

Recognition

Recognized by *IAM Patent 1000* – “The World’s Leading Patent Professionals” (2016-2020).