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Prior to joining Buchanan, Eric was an assistant patent examiner with the United States Patent & Trademark Office, where he examined applications related to semiconductor manufacturing, including dual damascene structures; etching of low-k dielectrics, metal wires, anti-reflective coatings, hard masks and chemical mechanical polishing.

Before that, Eric worked as an engineering assistant for Saint-Gobain Corporation, where he worked on a number of projects, including developing silicon nitride heat engine components, alumina coated abrasive products, and silicon carbide semiconductor diffusional components. He was also a research associate with the University of Massachusetts, where he coordinated such projects as improving the flow rate and reach of fire hose streams via the addition of a friction-reducing polymer.

Eric received his J.D. degree from the Arizona State University College of Law in 2004, where he was the senior editor of *Jurimetrics: The Journal of Law, Science and Technology*. While in law school, Eric served as a legislative legal intern for the Democratic Staff Counsel in the Arizona State Legislature. He also worked as a judicial extern for the Honorable Stephen M. McNamee of the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona. Eric earned a Sc.B. degree in materials engineering, with honors, from Brown University in 1994. He also earned a Ph.D. in the same subject from Brown in 2001.

He is admitted to practice only in Arizona and before the United States Patent & Trademark Office.



## **Service Area Focus**

Intellectual Property

## **Education**

J.D. Arizona State University College of Law, 2004

Sc.B.; Ph.D. Brown University, 1994; 2001 with honors

## **Publications & Speeches**

"Technology Outpacing the Law: The Invention Secrecy Act of 1951 and the Outsourcing of U.S. Patent Application Drafting," 13 *Tex. Intell. Prop. Law J.*, pgs 351-368, 2005.

"Who Owns the Property Rights to Your Genetic Material?" 13 *U. Balt. Intell. Prop. L. J.*, pgs 1-11, 2004.

"Festo Continues to Fester: The Supreme Court Restores the Nebulous Flexible Bar Rule," 43 *Jurimetrics J.*, pgs 465-472, 2003.