

Position Type: Full-time Patent Agent

Location: Hybrid/Remote

Experience Level: 4+ years patent prosecution experience

About Us

NK Patent Law is a growing, boutique intellectual property (IP) firm located in Raleigh, NC, and representing clients across the United States in the USPTO. We focus on strategic IP counseling, patent and trademark portfolio management and strategy, patent prosecution, and patent analysis for innovative, R&D-fueled companies. Our clients range from startups to established enterprises, and our work spans a wide variety of cutting-edge technologies.

We distinguish ourselves through our team of technically trained patent agents who value practical and creative solutions, responsiveness, and precision. Our firm culture is close-knit and collaborative, with an emphasis on high-quality work, professional growth, and maintaining a healthy work-life balance. Our core values are:

- **Work Hard:** We bring grit, focus, and effort to deliver results.
- **Help-First & Be Flexible:** We step in wherever needed and ask, “How can I help?”
- **Take Ownership:** We follow through, take responsibility, and move things forward.
- **Bring Good Vibes:** We foster a respectful, fun, and positive environment.

We offer a flexible, agent-friendly environment that supports autonomy and encourages initiative. If you’re looking for meaningful, hands-on IP work in a collegial and forward-thinking setting, we’d love to hear from you.

Position Overview

We are seeking a Patent Agent with a strong technical background in electrical engineering, computer science, and/or chemical engineering and proven experience in patent prosecution to join our team. This is an excellent opportunity for a motivated agent who thrives in a smaller, more agile firm setting and is looking to grow their practice with the support of experienced colleagues and loyal clients.

Responsibilities

Prepare and prosecute U.S. and international patent applications

Conduct prior art searches, freedom-to-operate, and patentability analyses

Provide strategic counseling on IP portfolios

Support clients in managing and growing their patent assets

Communicate directly with inventors, in-house counsel, and USPTO examiners

Work closely with clients to manage client relationships

Qualifications

Active membership in a U.S. state bar and registration to practice before the USPTO

4+ years of experience in patent prosecution (firm or in-house)

Background in electrical engineering, computer science, chemical engineering, or related field (advanced degrees a plus)

Strong writing, analytical, and communication skills

Self-starter with the ability to work independently and remotely, if necessary

What We Offer

Competitive, performance-based pay

Flexible work arrangements (remote/hybrid options)

Direct client access with minimal bureaucracy

Opportunities for advancement and business development

A collegial, supportive team environment

How to Apply

Please submit your resume, cover letter, and a brief writing sample (preferably an issued patent, published patent application, or public office action response) through our online submission form.

Join us in helping our clients protect the innovations that drive tomorrow's technology. We look forward to hearing from you.