



## **Paul C. Craane** Shareholder

### **Professional Experience**

Mr. Craane has counseled clients, from start-ups to Fortune 500 companies, over a wide range of technologies. In particular, Mr. Craane has in-depth experience with:

- computer networks and software,
- consumer goods,
- electronic (casino) gaming devices and systems,
- heat exchange technologies,
- manufacturing technologies,
- medical devices and systems, and
- sporting goods.

As to medical technologies, Mr. Craane has worked with drug delivery and fluid administration devices (e.g., autoinjectors, on-body injectors, and pumps), surgical instruments, medical lasers, artificial valves, artificial joints and blood and tissue processing equipment.

For over 20 years, Mr. Craane has prosecuted matters before the United States Patent and Trademark Office. He has successfully handled such specialty proceedings as reissues, reexaminations and interferences. For many years, Mr. Craane also litigated cases in various U.S. district courts, and has been admitted to and involved in appellate work before the Courts of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and for the Seventh Circuit.

He is well versed in foreign patent examination, and has formulated and executed tailored strategies for numerous international filings. He has unique experience with practice before the European Patent Office, including briefing and managing opposition proceedings. He has coordinated the simultaneous prosecution and litigation of matters in the U.S. and foreign countries.

Mr. Craane received his B.S., with highest honors (University Honors – Bronze Tablet), in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, and earned his J.D., magna cum laude, from Northern Illinois University College of Law.

### *EDUCATION*

*1993 Northern Illinois University, Juris Doctor, magna cum laude*

*1990 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, B.S. Mechanical Engineering, highest honors*

### *ADMISSIONS*

*State of Illinois  
U.S. Court of Appeals  
for the Federal Circuit*

*U.S. Court of Appeals  
for the Seventh Circuit*

*U.S. District Court for  
the Northern District  
of Illinois*

*U.S. Patent &  
Trademark Office*

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