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Jim Patterson is the founding partner of Patterson Thuente IP, a mid-sized, full-service intellectual property law firm in Minneapolis. A recognized leader in the legal community, Jim's practice over the past 35 years has encompassed all aspects of intellectual property law, including patent prosecution, licensing, dispute mediation and litigation. In addition to providing senior-level strategic counsel to Global Fortune 500 companies, Jim is dedicated to access to justice for the disadvantaged. He has been providing pro bono services through various organizations over his entire career and was named Volunteer of the Year by Volunteer Lawyers Network in 2001. Most recently, he has been working closely with the USPTO to successfully launch a pro bono patent law pilot program in Minnesota, and now serves as chair of the AIA Pro Bono Task Force, which is helping to implement patent pro bono programs across the nation.

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