

## TILAYE TERREFE



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Tilaye Terrefe drafts and prosecutes patent applications for clients ranging from small startups to multinationals.

Areas covered by Tilaye's intellectual property (IP) practice include software, mechanical inventions, electronic circuits, telecommunications, touch detection technologies, image and data compression, digital signal processing of audio and video, cryptography, blockchains and wood composites.

Prior to joining McMillan, Tilaye worked as an engineer, designing and implementing innovative solutions, some of which became patented. While managing the IP department for a technology firm, he developed strategy and coordinated patent litigation efforts, giving him unique, first-hand understanding of the challenges facing many of his clients.

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- "[A Brief History of the Evolution of the Patent of Invention in England](#)", Peer-reviewed Article, Co-author with Peter Wells, Intellectual Property Institute of Canada, Vol.35, p. 66-77 (Fall 2020)

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**Degree:** M.Sc., Electrical Engineering

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The logo for mcmillan, featuring the word "mcmillan" in a lowercase, sans-serif font. The "m" and "c" are in a dark red color, while the "m", "i", "l", "l", "a", and "n" are in a light blue color. The logo is positioned in the upper left corner of a header image that shows a low-angle view of a modern glass skyscraper against a clear sky.

**Practices:** Intellectual Property