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Gary V. Harkcom is a former Acting Chief Administrative Patent Judge and Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judge of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences of the United States Patent and Trademark Office. As Acting Chief Judge and Vice Chief Judge, he supervised 120 personnel, including the direct supervision of 70 Administrative Patent Judges. During his tenure, the Board was awarded the Department of Commerce Gold Medal for innovative management procedures that reduced the pendency of patent appeals from 39 months to less than 6 months. Judge Harkcom was also selected as a member of the U.S. Senior Executive Service (SES). Judge Harkcom is a Registered Professional Engineer, and a former officer in the U.S. Air Force.

Notable

- Represents Reexamination parties both in filing in filing ex parte and inter partes reexamination requests requesting invalidity of patents and in defending patents in reexamination.
- Selected to U.S. Senior Executive Service
- Acting Chief Judge and Vice Chief Judge of Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences that received the U.S. Department of Commerce Gold Medal for sustained outstanding service - 2005.

- Norman P. Morgenstern Award for the most outstanding USPTO Supervisory Patent Examiner - 1994.
- U.S. Air Force Meritorious Service Medal.
- U.S. Air Force Commendation Medal

Practice Groups

- Software, Computer, Electrical and Telecom
- Reexamination, Post Grant and Inter Partes Review Proceedings
- USPTO Petitions, Appeals and Special Procedures

Education

- Grove City College, B.S. Degree in Electrical Engineering (1971)
- Air Force Institute of Technology, M.S. Degree in Management (Distinguished Graduate – 1974)
- Washington College of Law, American University, J.D. (cum laude – 1986)

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania, 1987
- USPTO, 2008

Courts

- Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
- Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit