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**WESTMAN, CHAMPLIN & KELLY P.A.** is an intellectual property law firm that was founded in 1993 by experienced attorneys dedicated to providing top quality service to clients for reasonable fees. The attorneys have a variety of backgrounds in electrical, mechanical, biological, and chemical disciplines including medical devices, digital systems and controls, communications, software and computers. The firm concentrates on patent and trademark law, and related litigation and licensing. Lawyers in the firm have substantial experience in foreign patent and trademark practice and the firm has associates in all major foreign countries.

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