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Overview

Adam Shartzer is a Chambers-rated litigator who represents clients in high-stakes patent litigation in District Courts and the International Trade Commission.

Adam's cases cross numerous technologies including 5G and other wireless communications protocols, set-top boxes, televisions, processors, memory, software, and medical devices. Additionally, he advises clients regarding post-grant review and reexamination strategy and over the past several years has managed or assisted with over 70 *inter partes* review and *ex parte* reexamination matters at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. His experience includes argument and taking witnesses at numerous trial and post-grant proceedings, appellate briefing and arguments, all aspects of discovery, and formulation of claim construction and litigation strategies.

In 2016, Adam was appointed by Chief Judge Sharon Prost to the Advisory Council for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. He also devotes time to representing veterans seeking disability benefits before the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

Adam was previously a judicial law clerk to Judge Prost at the Federal Circuit (2010-2011). In addition, he served as a judicial intern to the Honorable Richard Linn at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (2007-2008).

In 2020, Adam was named a Rising Star in Intellectual Property by *Law360* for his numerous wins on behalf of clients in complex, multi-tribunal litigations. In 2019, the *National Law Journal* named Adam to its "D.C. Rising Stars" list. He is recognized amongst the *IAM 1000* and was also recognized as a Super Lawyers "Rising Star" each year from 2015 to 2020.

Adam serves as Fish's national recruiting principal for clerks from the Federal Circuit and serves in several firm management positions.

Experience

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit cases

Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois v. Micron Technology, Inc. (Appeal Nos. 14-1509, -1510, -1511) – Represented appellee Micron in appeals of three final written decisions by the Patent Trial and Appeal Board rendering invalid all claims of three university patents. The Federal Circuit affirmed the PTAB's judgment.

Syntrix Biosystems, Inc. v. Illumina, Inc. (Appeal No. 14-1690) – Represented appellant Illumina in an appeal of a jury verdict in a case

where we did not represent Illumina in the District Court. The appeal settled after briefing was complete but before oral argument.

U.S. District Court cases

OneSubsea IP UK Limited v. FMC Technologies, Inc. (2:15-cv-445, Eastern District of Texas) – Representing defendant/counterclaim plaintiff FMC Technologies in a 12-patent litigation regarding subsea drilling equipment. Judge Gilstrap granted our client FMC's motion to transfer to the Southern District of Texas.

Realtime Data LLC d/b/a/ IXO v. Echostar Corporation and Hughes Network Systems, LLC (6:15-cv-466, Eastern District of Texas) – Defending Echostar and Hughes Network Systems in a four-patent litigation regarding compression technology.

Intelligent Verification Systems, LLC v. Microsoft Corporation (2:12-cv-525, Eastern District of Virginia) – Defended Microsoft in a litigation involving gaming technology. Weeks before jury trial, was responsible for summary judgment briefing regarding the plaintiff not being entitled to reasonable royalty damages. The plaintiff stipulated to summary judgment, thereby avoiding trial, and the case is pending appeal.

Location Services IP, LLC v. Uber Technologies, Inc. (2:15-cv-01208, Eastern District of Texas) – Represented defendant Uber in a three-patent litigation regarding GPS technology resulting in an early favorable settlement for Uber.

Rothschild Location Technologies, LLC v. Uber Technologies, Inc. (6:15-cv-685, Eastern District of Texas) – Represented defendant Uber in a two-patent litigation regarding GPS technology resulting in the plaintiff voluntarily dismissing its complaint.

EMS Technologies, LLC v. Micron Technology, Inc. (2:14-cv-900, Eastern District of Texas) – Represented defendants Micron and IMFT in a suit alleging infringement of two patents related to memory technology. Following personal jurisdiction and transfer motions practice, the case settled favorably for Micron and IMFT.

MLC Intellectual Property, LLC v. Micron Technology, Inc. (5:14-cv-3657, Northern District of California) – Representing Micron in a suit alleging infringement of one patent related to memory technology.

Bose Corporation v. Monster, Inc. (1:14-cv-11762, District of Massachusetts) – Represented Bose in its claim of infringement by Monster of a single patent related to in-ear headphone technology. The case settled favorably for Bose prior to the hearing in a related USITC investigation.

Sling Media, Inc. v. Belkin Int'l, Inc., Monsoon Multimedia, Inc., and Mr. Prabhat Jain (3:13-cv-0074, Northern District of California) – Represented Sling Media in the litigation following a successful outcome in the USITC. Belkin settled early, while the case proceeded with Monsoon Multimedia and Mr. Prabhat Jain. The case settled favorably for Sling Media.

Lake Cherokee Hard Drive Technologies, LLC v. Marvell Semiconductor, Inc. (2:13-cv-762, Eastern District of Texas) – Defended the Marvell defendants and others in claims related to a single patent regarding hard drive technology. The case settled favorably for our clients.

Lake Cherokee Hard Drive Technologies, LLC v. Marvell Semiconductor, Inc. (2:13-cv-695, Eastern District of Texas) – Defended Marvell and others against Lake Cherokee's claims as to two patents previously found non-infringed by a jury in an earlier case. The case settled favorably for our clients.

Lake Cherokee Hard Drive Technologies, LLC v. Marvell Semiconductor, Inc. (2:10-cv-216, Eastern District of Texas) – Defended Marvell through jury trial against claims of infringement regarding two patents related to hard drive storage technology. After successfully slashing the damages base by nearly 75% on summary judgment, Marvell received a non-infringement verdict on both patents.

The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois v. Micron Technology, Inc. (2:11-cv-02288, Northern District of Illinois) – Defending Micron against claims of infringement regarding three patents related to semiconductor manufacturing steps. The court issued judgment in favor of Micron on its claims of non-infringement and invalidity.

Marvell Semiconductor et al v. Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (6:07-cv-204, Eastern District of

Texas) – Took over lead role representing Marvell and preparing its case for trial. The litigation settled favorably just before trial following a claim construction order from the court.

U.S. International Trade Commission proceedings

Certain Earpiece Devices Having Positioning and Retaining Structure and Components Thereof(337-TA-912) – Represented complainant Bose Corporation in an investigation of alleged infringement by Monster, Inc., of a single patent regarding in-ear headphone technology. The Administrative Law Judge rendered favorable decisions for Bose on summary determination of the economic prong for domestic industry, a motion to strike Bose’s technical expert report, a *Daubert* motion against Bose’s expert, respondent’s motions for summary determination of invalidity and unenforceability due to inequitable conduct, and claim construction. The investigation settled favorably for Bose just before the scheduled hearing date.

Certain Electronic Devices Having Placeshifting or Display Replication Functionality and Products Containing Same(337-TA-878) – Represented complainant Sling Media, Inc. regarding infringement claims as to six asserted patents related to placeshifting technology. The Commission issued a limited exclusion order and a cease and desist order against remaining respondents.

Certain Consumer Electronics and Display Devices and Products Containing Same(337-TA-836) – Represented respondent Research In Motion in an investigation defending against infringement claims as to several patents. The case settled favorably for our client after the close of expert discovery.

Certain Electronic Devices Having Image Capture or Display Functionality(337-TA-672) – Represented complainant LG Electronics in investigation enforcing patents related to image capture and display. Litigation settled favorably after the evidentiary hearing.

Certain Mobile Telephones and Wireless Communication Devices Featuring Digital Cameras(337-TA-663) – Represented respondent LG Electronics in a patent case brought by Eastman Kodak. Case went to trial in Fall 2009 but the parties settled before a decision was issued by the judge or Commission.

Certain Liquid Crystal Display Devices and Products Containing the Same(337-TA-631) – Represented Samsung Electronics against Sharp Corporation in a patent case relating to LCD monitors, televisions, and mobile devices.

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office *inter partes* reviews

Case name confidential – Represented a Fortune 10 consumer electronics company in multiple IPRs filed against patents at issue in related litigation. Upon a global settlement between the parties, the IPRs were dismissed prior to institution.

Arista Networks, Inc. v. Cisco Systems, Inc. (IPR2015-00978) – Representing Arista in an instituted IPR regarding a patent asserted in a related USITC investigation.

Mobotix Corp. v. ComCam Int’l, Inc. (IPR2015-00093) – Representing Mobotix in an instituted IPR.

Tiffany & Co. v. Lazare Kaplan Int’l, Inc. (IPR2015-00024) – Representing Tiffany in an instituted IPR related to a patent in litigation.

Marvell Semiconductor, Inc. v. Intellectual Ventures I LLC(IPR2014-00548, -00552, -00552) – Represented Marvell in a series of IPRs filed against two IV patents. The Board issued final written decisions cancelling claims in both IV patents.

Micron Technology, Inc. v. The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois(IPR2013-00005, -00006, -00008) – Represented and argued on behalf of Micron in three instituted IPRs regarding semiconductor processing patents asserted in a co-pending district court litigation. The PTAB issued final written decisions in all IPRs, finding all claims of the three University patents invalid.

Mobotix Corp. v. E-Watch(IPR2013-00334, -00335, -00337) – Represented Mobotix in three instituted petitions for review asserting invalidity of patents related to networking technology. The Board rendered final written decisions resulting in the invalidity of all challenged claims of all three patents.

Mobotix Corp. v. E-Watch(IPR2013-00498, -00499) – Representing Mobotix in two instituted petitions related to earlier-filed IPR

petitions. Pending final disposition.

Arbitration

Confidential client – Represented client in a contentious dispute resulting in a week-long arbitration trial and was responsible for putting up our technical expert on direct regarding multiple patents. The arbitrator's binding decision resulted in a favorable outcome for our client.

Recognitions & awards

IAM Patent 1000

*IAM*2022-2025

Ranked Lawyer

Chambers USA: Washington, D.C. 2023-2025

Rising Star

Law360 2020

Washington, D.C. Rising Star

Super Lawyers 2015-2020

40 Under 40 D.C. Rising Stars

National Law Journal (NLJ) 2019

Award for Excellence in the Study of Intellectual Property Law

American Bar Association

First Prize in Marcus B. Finnegan Writing Competition

Academic/Scholarly

Professional associations

Administrator, Giles S. Rich American Inn of Court

Federal Circuit Bar Association

Executive Managing Editor, American Intellectual Property Law Association Quarterly Journal

George Washington University Law School Moot Court Board

Insights

Article | December 9, 2022

Patent Fee-Shifting Often Leaves Prevailing Parties Unpaid

Blog | April 29, 2015

Federal Circuit To Hear TTAB Appeal En Banc Concerning Denial Of Registration For Mark "THE SLANTS" That Was Found To Be Disparaging

Blog | February 5, 2015

No DJ Jurisdiction When Suit Was Brought Prior to Drug Application Filing

Blog | December 30, 2014

§ 102(g) "Secret" Prior Art Need Not Be Reduced to Practice Before Priority Date to Qualify as Prior Art Under § 103

Blog | September 2, 2014

Federal Circuit Cannot Review a Remand Order Based on Lack of Subject Matter Jurisdiction

News

June 6, 2025

Fish & Richardson Earns "Band 1" Nationwide Rankings for Intellectual Property and ITC Practices in Chambers USA 2025

May 30, 2025

Fish & Richardson Receives Top Rankings in 2025 Edition of *IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Professionals*

June 11, 2024

Fish & Richardson Receives Top Rankings in 2024 Edition of *IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Professionals*

June 10, 2024

Fish & Richardson Earns "Band 1" Nationwide Rankings for Intellectual Property and ITC Practices in *Chambers USA 2024*

June 27, 2023

Fish & Richardson Receives Top Rankings in 2023 Edition of *IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Professionals*

June 1, 2023

Fish & Richardson Earns "Band 1" Nationwide Rankings for Intellectual Property and ITC Practices in *Chambers USA 2023*

September 8, 2022

Fish & Richardson Receives Top Rankings in 2022 Edition of *IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Professionals*

August 31, 2021

Fish & Richardson Secures Precedential Damages Win for Micron Technology in Federal Circuit Appeal

April 7, 2021

Thirty Fish Attorneys Named to 2020 Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll

July 10, 2020

Adam Shartzter Named *Law360* 2020 Intellectual Property "Rising Star"

July 30, 2019

Fish & Richardson Principal Adam Shartzter Named a "D.C. Rising Star" by the *National Law Journal*

March 28, 2019

Fish & Richardson Principal Adam Shartzter Named 2019 Patent Litigation Client Service All-Star

March 16, 2015

Fish & Richardson Wins Federal Circuit Affirmance of Three Inter Partes Reviews for Micron Technology Against the University of Illinois' Semiconductor...

March 17, 2014

Fish Achieves Three Inter Partes Review Victories for Micron Technology Against the University of Illinois' Semiconductor Patents

Events

February 8, 2023

Research Triangle Area Chapter, Association of Corporate Counsel (RTAC-ACC) IPPulooza 2023

June 18, 2022

Federal Circuit Bar Association 2022 Bench & Bar Conference

April 13, 2021

2021 American Bar Association - Intellectual Property Law Section Annual Meeting

November 19, 2020

ACC National Capital Region Program

June 12, 2013

Post-Grant for Practitioners Webinar Series Part V: How the Use of Discovery is Evolving in Inter Partes Review Proceedings

May 29, 2013

The IP Strategy Summit: Enforcement

Additional insights

Publications

- “9 Common Pitfalls With Post-Grant Proceedings,” *Law360* (2014)
- “Patent Litigation 101: Empirical Support for the Patent Pilot Program’s Solution to Increase Judicial Experience in Patent Law,” *18 Fed. Cir. B.J.* 191(2009)

Speaking engagements

- “The New Age of Enforcement: Post-Grant. How to Avoid Being the Victim When Asserting Your Patents,” *The IP Strategy Summit: Enforcement*, Washington, DC (May 29, 2013)

Services

Litigation

Patent Litigation

Post-Grant

Standard Essential Patents

Industries

Electrical & Computer Technology

Hardware

Semiconductors

Telecommunications

Energy & Chemicals

Petrochemical

Admissions

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (2005)

District of Columbia (2010)

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia

U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

Georgia Supreme Court

Clerkships

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, The Honorable Sharon Prost (2010-2011)

Education

J.D. with honors, George Washington University Law School (2008)

B.S., Electrical Engineering with minor in Computer Science, University of Virginia (2003)