



## Alexander (Alex) M. Pechette

Principal

Boston

617 368 2105

pechette@fr.com

---

## Overview

Alex Pechette lends his formidable writing and trial advocacy skills to patent and trade secret disputes in federal District Courts and at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. A former Federal Circuit clerk, Alex leverages his insider understanding of the workings of patent appeals to prepare effective briefing and position his matters for success at every level.

Alex has experience in all phases of litigation, from pre-suit diligence to appeal. His cases have spanned a wide array of technologies, including surgical implants, nuclear medicine imaging devices, seismometry equipment, immersion lithography scanners, memory devices, agricultural equipment, oilfield equipment, archery bows, aerogels, and computer software.

From 2021 to 2022, Alex served as a law clerk to Chief Judge Kimberly A. Moore of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, an experience that sharpened his briefing skills and deepened his understanding of effective advocacy.

During law school, Alex worked at a leading litigation finance firm, where he performed due diligence on patent litigation funding opportunities. He also supplemented his legal curriculum with MBA-level coursework in corporate finance, accounting, negotiations, business strategy, and marketing, earning a certificate from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business.

Before launching his legal career, Alex was an engineering consultant in the nuclear power industry. His work involved thermodynamic and fluid-dynamic analysis of nuclear power plant safety systems under simulated accident conditions, such as complete loss of power. He also prepared feasibility reports for power uprates at nine reactors around the country.

In his free time, Alex enjoys hiking, playing hockey, skiing, and doing science experiments with his two kids.

---

## Recognitions & awards

Pathfinder

*Leadership Council on Legal Diversity* 2023

George Hutchinson Writing Competition Award

*Federal Circuit Bar Association* 2017

---

## Pro bono activities

In addition to his patent litigation practice, Alex is also committed to providing pro bono services to those in need. Working with the ACLU, Alex drafted an amicus brief for the U.S. Supreme Court in a high-profile gerrymandering matter. Through the Political Asylum/Immigration Representation (PAIR) Program, he has helped several refugees seek asylum in the United States. Through Northeast Legal Aid, he has defended countless tenants in eviction proceedings, including at trial.

Alex was named to the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court's Pro Bono Honor Roll for providing 50 or more pro bono hours in a single year (2019, 2023).

---

## Professional Associations

The Alan D. Lourie Boston Intellectual Property American Inn of Court, Board Member (2024-present)

National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA), Member, Selected for participation in the 2024 Prospective Partners Program

---

## Insights

Article | October 15, 2024

Trade Secrets: A Powerful Alternative to Noncompete Agreements

IP Law Essentials | April 22, 2020

Functional Claims

---

## News

January 6, 2025

Celebrating Excellence: Fish & Richardson Elevates 18 New Principals

November 4, 2024

11 Fish & Richardson Attorneys Named to Pro Bono Honor Roll by Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court

February 14, 2023

Fish & Richardson Principal Karan Jhurani Named a 2023 Leadership Council on Legal Diversity Fellow and Associates Dexter Whitley and Alex Pechette...

---

## Additional insights

### Publications

- "Do Patents Abridge the First Amendment Guarantee of Free Speech?," *Federal Circuit Bar Journal*, Volume 27, Number 4 (October 2018).
- 

## Services

Litigation

Patent Litigation

Trade Secret Litigation

## Industries

Financial, Business & FinTech Services

Energy & Chemicals  
Petrochemical  
Medical Devices  
Manufacturing  
Software & Internet  
Hardware

## Admissions

Massachusetts (2017)  
U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (2022)

## Clerkships

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, The Honorable Kimberly A. Moore (2021-2022)

## Education

J.D. with honors, University of Chicago Law School (2017)  
M.S.E., Mechanical Engineering, University of Michigan (2010)  
B.S.E. *magna cum laude*, Mechanical Engineering, University of Michigan (2008)