



Christopher Dillon

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Overview

Christopher Dillon is a first-chair trial lawyer who specializes in complex patent and intellectual property litigation and is the managing group leader of Fish & Richardson's 200+-lawyer Litigation Practice Group. He has successfully represented clients in federal and state courts throughout the country, in post-grant proceedings, and in investigations before the U.S. International Trade Commission.

His practice focuses on advising clients regarding IP issues, assisting clients in licensing their patents to competitors, and defending patent, trademark, and trade secret litigation brought by competitors. Chris is adept at litigating a variety of IP and commercial disputes across a wide range of industries, including solid-state lighting, software, semiconductors, optical storage, medical devices, pharmaceutical, manufacturing, insurance, and financial services.

Chris represents U.S. companies, as well as many international clients involved in U.S. litigation. Chris's approach to litigation involves a deep understanding of clients' business goals, early identification of the key issues that will win the case, and a relentless focus on winning those key issues.

Before joining Fish, Chris was a special assistant district attorney at the Middlesex County district attorney's office, where he was the lead trial attorney for 15 trials. He also served as a law clerk for the Honorable Edward F. Harrington of the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts. Before law school, Chris served for seven years as a captain in the U.S. Air Force (1988-1995), where he managed the development of leading-edge technology programs, including bistatic radars, signal processors, integrated databases, and information management systems.

Experience

MSC Software v. Altair Engineering: lead trial counsel for defendants in trade secret dispute regarding multi-body dynamic solver software.

TOGGLED v. Philips: lead trial counsel for plaintiff in five-patent infringement action regarding LED lighting.

Toshiba Corporation v. Imation et al.: lead trial counsel for eight defendants in three-patent infringement action regarding recordable DVDs.

Flex Head: lead trial counsel for licensing patent portfolio regarding flexible fire sprinklers.

TOGGLED: lead counsel for licensing patent portfolio regarding LED lighting portfolio.

Recognitions & awards

Best Lawyers in America

Best Lawyers 2022-2025

IAM Patent 1000

IAM 2023-2025

Professional associations

Federal Circuit Bar Association Global Fellows (2012-2013)

Adjunct Professor, New England Law, Patent Litigation (2012)

Pro bono activities

Named to the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court's Pro Bono Honor Roll for providing 50 or more pro bono hours in a single year (2022-2023).

Kids In Need of Defense (2009 – present)

Tahirih Justice Center (2021 – present)

News

May 30, 2025

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

November 4, 2024

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

August 15, 2024

101 Fish Attorneys Included in the 2025 Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*

June 11, 2024

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

November 15, 2023

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

August 17, 2023

101 Fish Attorneys Included in the 2024 Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*

June 27, 2023

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

January 30, 2023

Fish & Richardson Names Corrin Drakulich Global Head of Litigation

August 22, 2022

96 Fish Attorneys Included in the 2023 Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*

August 19, 2021

Fish Attorneys Recognized in 2022 Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*

October 29, 2020

Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Names 20 Fish Attorneys to Pro Bono Honor Roll

Additional insights

Speaking engagements

- Moderator, Fish & Richardson's Munich Conference (2013-2014)
- "What Are You Hearing About Patent Reform?" The Emily Rooney Show, WGBH Radio (May 2011)

Services

Trade Secret Litigation
Trademark, Copyright & Media Litigation
Litigation
Patent Litigation
Appellate
Inter Partes Review

IP Licensing, Transactions & Agreements

Admissions

Massachusetts (1998)
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit
U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

Clerkships

U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts, The Honorable Edward F. Harrington (1998-1999)

Education

J.D. *summa cum laude*, Boston College Law School (1998)
B.A., Program of Liberal Studies, University of Notre Dame (1988)