




# Dan Smith

## Principal

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## Overview

### About Dan

Dan Smith is a principal in the Dallas office of Fish & Richardson P.C. His practice emphasizes patent prosecution, client counseling, portfolio development, and post-grant proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB). As a member of the firm's post-grant group, Mr. Smith has extensive experience in post-grant proceedings from the perspective of both the petitioner and the patent owner, and to date has represented firm clients in more than 60 PTAB trials. In 2020, he was recognized as one of the top 50 attorneys representing petitioners at the PTAB by *Managing Intellectual Property*.

Mr. Smith's practice is technically focused on the computer-related, electrical, and mechanical arts, and he has represented clients in cases involving a wide range of technologies, including network systems and protocols, hybrid vehicle drivetrains, wireless communications, heated flooring systems, trampolines, and semiconductor fabrication.

Prior to law school, Mr. Smith spent over a decade as a lead software developer for a telecommunications company, authoring complex call control and billing applications. He has hands-on experience with distributed system design and implementation, network protocol design, web services design and implementation, database design and management, multi-threaded application design, real-time system design and implementation, as well as extensive software development experience in a variety of languages, including C, C++, Java, Python, PHP, JavaScript, and Visual Basic.

# Focus Areas

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## Services

- Litigation
- Patent
- Post-Grant
- Patent Prosecution
- Patent Litigation

## Industries

- Electrical and Computer Technology
- Internet
- Software
- Telecommunications

## Education

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J.D. *cum laude*, Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law (2010) Technology Editor, *SMU Law Review*

B.A., Computer Science, University of Texas (2004)

## Experience

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Inventor, Method for Measuring Quality of Service in a Telecommunications Network, U.S. Patent 6,914,967

## Insights

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## Publications

- Mr. Smith is a contributing author to Fish's IP Law Essentials.
- "Depositions for *Inter Partes* Review: How Do They Work?" *Fish's IP Law Essentials Blog* (August 24, 2020)
- "What is the PTAB and Who are the Judges?" *Fish's IP Law Essentials Blog* (July 13, 2020)
- "Oral Hearings at the PTAB: What to Expect," *Fish's IP Law Essentials Blog* (June 24, 2020)
- "What Discovery is Available during *Inter Partes* Review?" *Fish's IP Law Essentials Blog* (May 26, 2020)
- "When Should I File an IPR during Litigation?" *Fish's IP Law Essentials Blog* (April 30, 2020)
- "Challenging Patents through Post-Grant Proceedings: What Are Your Options?" *Fish's IP Law Essentials Blog* (April 22, 2020)

## Recognition

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