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Overview

Both a highly creative patent prosecutor and a trusted counselor, David Jordan helps his clients build and maximize their patent portfolios and provides sound business advice on navigating complex legal situations that span multiple areas of law.

David's practice is marked by a genuine passion for his clients' success. Noted for his plain-speaking and direct personal style, he works to cultivate an understanding of his clients' industries and business needs, and to provide advice that helps them achieve their goals. David incorporates a unique, broad knowledge of adjacent areas of law — such as employment, bankruptcy, insurance, and contract law — into his patent counsel. Understanding that his clients have business concerns that may relate primarily to patent prosecution but extend into other areas of law, David is able to provide holistic advice that helps them proactively avoid unforeseen issues.

Working with clients that range from single-patent startups to large corporations, David has experience with and an encyclopedic knowledge of wide-ranging technologies, from computer software, data analytics, and e-commerce to sustainable agriculture and renewable fuels. He is renowned for his ability to harvest valuable and viable inventions from technical disclosures that are highly complex, weak or unfocused, or rooted in subject matter that is disfavored by global patent offices. He has helped secure thousands of issued U.S. patents.

Before joining Fish, David received his commission as an officer in the U.S. Navy and served in Japan as an aircraft maintenance officer. He studied law as an evening student at the University of San Diego while working full time as a naval officer at the naval air station in Coronado, California. While in law school, David was a judicial extern for the Honorable James F. Stiven, now retired, of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California.

Recognitions & awards

IAM Patent 1000

/AM2019-2020, 2023-2025

IAM Strategy 300

/AM2023-2024

Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll

District of Columbia Courts2022

Pro bono activities

In his pro bono practice, David has represented disabled veterans in their appeals at the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, and he manages prosecution of a substantial number of pro bono patent applications referred to him through California Lawyers for the Arts and the Federal Circuit Bar Association.

Insights

Blog | June 2, 2025

Navigating Change at the USPTO

Blog | July 13, 2016

Legal Alert: Post-Prosecution Pilot ("P3") Program

News

News | May 30, 2025

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

Media Coverage | November 11, 2024

Navy Veteran and Principal David Jordan Reflects on Military Service and Legal Career

California Lawyer - Daily Journal

News | June 11, 2024

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

News | June 11, 2024

Fish & Richardson Attorneys Named to the 2024 *IAM Strategy 300* List

News | October 2, 2023

Fish & Richardson Attorneys Named to *IAM's 2023 Strategy 300* List

News | July 31, 2023

Twenty-Eight Fish & Richardson Attorneys Recognized by D.C. Courts in the 2022 Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll

News | June 27, 2023

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

News | September 8, 2022

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

News | July 7, 2021

Fish & Richardson Receives Top Rankings in 2021 Edition of *IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Professionals*

News | April 7, 2021

Thirty Fish Attorneys Named to 2020 Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll

News | August 12, 2020

Fish & Richardson Receives Top "Gold" Ranking from *IAM Patent 1000* for National Litigation Practice; National Rankings in the Plaintiff Firm and Prosecution...

News | June 20, 2019

Fish & Richardson Receives Top "Gold" Ranking from *IAM Patent 1000* for National Patent Litigation Practice

News | June 14, 2018

Fish Receives Top "Gold" Ranking from *IAM Patent 1000* for National Patent Litigation Practice

News | July 17, 2017

Fish & Richardson Announces Attendees for Google Summer Associate Scholars Program

Events

Additional insights

Media mentions

- ["Four US patent trends to watch in 2024,"](#) *Managing IP* (January 4, 2023)
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Services

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Industries

Electrical & Computer Technology
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Admissions

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (2002)
California (2002)
District of Columbia (2006)
Solicitor of England and Wales

Education

J.D., University of San Diego School of Law (2002) Comment Editor, *San Diego International Law Journal* (2001-2002), Member, *San Diego International Law Journal* (2000-2001)
B.S., Computer Science, United States Naval Academy (1996)
