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Overview

Patent trial attorney Eli Svetlov, Ph.D., combines a robust technological background with a substantial record of helping companies navigate and resolve technology disputes before U.S. District Courts, the International Trade Commission, and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Eli's practice spans all phases of litigation, from pre-suit investigations to trial, with a strategic focus on achieving early case resolution through dispositive motions or favorable settlements. He has advised clients in matters involving semiconductor design and manufacturing, consumer electronics, computer hardware, software, artificial intelligence, autonomous driving, and telecommunications. He also has experience handling standard essential patent disputes related to cellular communication technologies based on ETSI/3GPP standards.

Before joining the firm, Eli served as a judicial intern to the Honorable Chief Judge Susan Braden at the U.S. Court of Federal Claims. As a registered patent attorney, Eli also has a successful record in patent prosecution, both in the U.S. and internationally, including post-grant proceedings and licensing negotiations.

Eli also dedicates his time to pro bono matters, including advocating for clients in immigration proceedings, disability discrimination cases, and wrongful conviction cases in collaboration with nonprofit legal organizations across the country.

Prior to transitioning into law, Eli gained hands-on research and engineering experience in both academic and industry settings. His doctoral research focused on applying carbon nanotubes and fullerene nanomaterials to design innovative electronic components and devices. Additionally, his work in electrical engineering included developing circuits for security and fire detection systems, along with the software tools needed for their testing.

Insights

IP Law Essentials | April 4, 2025

EPRx 201: The Risks and Rewards of *Ex Parte* Reexamination

IP Law Essentials | March 26, 2025

EPRx 101: Getting to Know *Ex Parte* Reexamination

Post-Grant Report | March 5, 2025

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Industries

Electrical & Computer Technology
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Hardware
Semiconductors
Consumer Electronics
Telecommunications
Artificial Intelligence
Autonomous Vehicles
Medical Devices
Manufacturing

Admissions

Texas
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas
Supreme Court of the United States

Languages

English
Russian

Education

J.D., Intellectual Property Law, George Washington University Law School
Ph.D., Physical Electronics, Applied Physics, St. Petersburg State Polytechnic University
M.S., Applied Physics, St. Petersburg State Polytechnic University
B.S., Electrical Engineering, St. Petersburg State Polytechnic University