



## J. Patrick Finn III, Ph.D.

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## Overview

J. Patrick Finn III, Ph.D., serves as managing principal of Fish & Richardson's Munich office while also maintaining an active intellectual property practice in Minneapolis.

His practice emphasizes patent preparation and prosecution, strategic portfolio management, patentability and freedom to operate searching and analysis, *inter partes* review proceedings, opinions, due diligence investigations, licensing, and counseling in the medical biotechnology, agricultural biotechnology, diagnostic, pharmaceutical, and medical science fields.

His projects have involved subject matter such as novel nucleic acid constructs, engineered antibodies, gene therapies, vaccines, antisense therapeutics, RNA interference therapeutics, genome editing techniques, stem cells, transgenic plants, transgenic animals, proteomics, transcription factors, regulator elements, cell culture techniques, high-throughput screening assays, diagnostic assays and agents, microarrays, medical devices, and potential treatments for diseases such as cardiovascular disease, cancer, allergy, arthritis, diabetes, and Alzheimer's disease. Patrick works with universities, pharmaceutical companies, medical device companies, investment firms, and emerging and established companies in the field of biotechnology.

His licensing experience includes university/industry collaborations, patent out-licensing and in-licensing programs, and joint ventures.

As a Ph.D. candidate at the University of California, Los Angeles, Patrick acquired extensive experience in molecular and cellular biology. In particular, he regularly performed molecular cloning and protein purification techniques as well as analytical activity assays such as transport assays designed to measure neurotransmitter transport into vesicles. One focus of Patrick's graduate work involved a structural and functional characterization of vesicular transport proteins such as the vesicular monoamine transporters.

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## Testimonials

"Patrick is an outstanding person. Besides his legal and scientific excellence, he is also very good at explaining complex issues in an understandable way. His perspective in crafting a strategy has generated a solid and valuable outcome. He is also up to date with commercial aspects and the financial market in general. He is excellent to bring to the negotiating table." — Client Testimonial, 2023 *Chambers and Partners USA*

"Patrick is a valued advisor to us and we often use his services for complex and delicate issues." — Client Testimonial, 2023 *Chambers and Partners USA*

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# Recognitions & awards

Ranked Lawyer

*Chambers USA: Minnesota* 2023-2024

IAM Patent 1000

*IAM* 2018-2021, 2023-2024

Most Powerful Business Leaders in Minnesota

*Minnesota 500* 2018-2019

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## Insights

Blog | February 17, 2023

Legal Alert: Germany Ratifies UPC Agreement; UP & UPC to Begin 1 June

Blog | October 11, 2022

Legal Alert: Unitary Patent and UPC Start Date Target Is Now 1 April 2023

Blog | January 20, 2022

Legal Alert: Unified Patent Court and Unitary Patent Moving Ahead in Europe

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## News

September 27, 2024

Fish & Richardson Listed in *The Best Law Firms in Germany* 2025

June 11, 2024

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

June 10, 2024

Fish & Richardson Earns "Band 1" Nationwide Rankings for Intellectual Property and ITC Practices in *Chambers USA* 2024

June 27, 2023

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

June 1, 2023

Fish & Richardson Earns "Band 1" Nationwide Rankings for Intellectual Property and ITC Practices in *Chambers USA* 2023

September 8, 2022

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

July 7, 2021

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

January 7, 2021

Fish & Richardson Receives 2020 "Attorney of the Year" Group Award from *Minnesota Lawyer*

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...

June 20, 2019

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

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## Events

July 9, 2018

Association of University Technology Managers 2018 Central Region Meeting

## Additional Insights

### Media mentions

- ["Breaking the Ice: IP 'family' grows with virus-related patent," \*Minnesota Lawyer\*](#)(December 3, 2020)
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### Services

Litigation

Patent Litigation

Post-Grant

Patent

Strategic Patent Counseling & Opinions

Patent Portfolio Management

Unitary Patent & Unified Patent Court

IP Licensing, Transactions & Agreements

### Industries

Digital Health

Energy & Chemicals

Medical Devices

Academic Research & Medical Centers

Cleantech

Life Sciences

### Admissions

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (1999)

Minnesota (2002)

### Education

J.D. *cum laude*, William Mitchell College of Law (2002)

Ph.D., Microbiology and Immunology, University of California, Los Angeles (1997)

B.S. with distinction, Biology, Pennsylvania State University (1991)