



## John F.T. Conroy, Ph.D.

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## Overview

Patent lawyer John Conroy, Ph.D., is registered to practice before both the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the European Patent Office. Maintaining a two-continent practice, he helps clients secure patents and achieve the greatest value for innovations in both the U.S. and Europe.

John focuses on patent prosecution and opposition proceedings in the areas of semiconductors, electronics, nanotechnology, medical devices, software, and materials engineering. With a clear understanding of both U.S. and European law, he helps clients protect their ideas outside the U.S. without endangering their U.S. rights.

John excels at identifying legal issues and risks. By tailoring a patent portfolio to the client's market and competitive environment — as well as to jurisdictional peculiarities — he helps clients optimize the value of their entire IP portfolios and gain a competitive edge.

With a Ph.D. in bioengineering, John first worked as a research scientist at the University of Virginia before joining Fish & Richardson, where he worked for 11 years. Then he went in-house as managing counsel at Power Integrations, a publicly traded Silicon Valley-based innovator of high-performance, energy-efficient integrated circuits. He rejoined Fish in 2015, bringing the insider's perspective he gained in that role.

John was a Fulbright Scholar and attended the German Federal Military Academy, Munich, Germany.

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## Insights

Blog | January 20, 2022

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

Blog | March 4, 2020

**Legal Alert: EU Unified Patent Court and Unitary Patent Update**

Blog | August 14, 2019

**Legal Alert: German Justice Ministry to Await Brexit before Proceeding with UPC**

Blog | August 14, 2019

**EPO Developments: Summer 2019**

Blog | June 14, 2017

**Three Developments Delay UPC Agreement & Unitary Patent**

Blog | January 17, 2017

**Legal Alert: European Unified Patent Court & Unitary Patent to Open in 2017**

Blog | September 19, 2016

Legal Alert: A Path to the UPC

Article | October 15, 2015

Italy Joins the Unitary Patent Scheme; Unified Patent Court Protocol & Target Date Announced

Blog | September 23, 2015

Update on EU Unitary Patent and Unified Patent Court Developments

Blog | May 11, 2015

New Fee Proposals for the EU Unitary Patent and Unified Patent Court

Blog | May 5, 2015

Spain Fails to Block the EU Unitary Patent System

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## News

Media Coverage | June 27, 2016

5 Things IP Attorneys Need To Know About Brexit

*Law360*

News | April 13, 2015

Fish & Richardson Announces John Conroy, Ph.D., Rejoins Firm as a Principal in Munich, Germany

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## Events

May 17, 2022

Berkeley Center for Law & Technology (BCLT) Presentation | EPO Patent Prosecution Year in Review (for U.S. practitioners)

July 14, 2016

IP Chat Channel: European Patents and Design Rights After Brexit

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## Additional insights

### Publications

- “Toward a Microchip-Based Solid-Phase Extraction Method for Isolation of Nucleic Acids,” with K.A. Wolfe, M.C. Breadmore, J.P. Ferrance, M.E. Power, P.M. Norris, and J.P. Landers, *Electrophoresis*, 23, 5, 727-33 (2002)
  - “Cells in Sol-Gels I: A High Hydrolysis Ratio, Aqueous Route for the Production of Macroporous Cytocompatible Silica Gels,” with M.E. Power, J. Martin, B. Earp, B. Hosticka, C. Daitch, and P.M. Norris, *Journal of Sol-Gel Science & Technology*, 18, 173-187 (2000)
  - “Microscale Thermal Relaxation during Acoustic Propagation in Aerogel and Other Porous Media,” with B. Hosticka, S.C. Davis, A.N. Smith, and P.M. Norris, *Microscale Thermophysical Engineering*, 3, 3, 199-215 (1999)
  - “Surface Tension Effects in Tunneling Microscopy,” with J. Janata, *Applied Physics Letters*, 68, 4, 569-571 (1996)
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## Services

Patent

Patent Prosecution

Strategic Patent Counseling & Opinions

Patent Portfolio Management

Unitary Patent & Unified Patent Court

## Industries

Electrical & Computer Technology  
Software & Internet  
Hardware  
Semiconductors  
Artificial Intelligence  
Medical Devices

## Admissions

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
European Patent Office  
California  
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California  
Unified Patent Court

## Languages

German  
English

## Education

J.D. *magna cum laude*, University of San Diego School of Law (2005)  
Ph.D., Bioengineering, University of Utah (1996)  
B.S.E. *cum laude*, Biomedical Engineering, Duke University (1990)