



## Ricardo Bonilla

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## Overview

Ricardo Bonilla is a litigation attorney focusing his practice across all areas of commercial and intellectual property litigation, with an emphasis on patents. Ricardo serves as the firm's recruiting principal in Dallas.

Ricardo is also head of Fish & Richardson's Next Gen initiative, which provides a voice and opportunities for newer lawyers and ensures proper training for Fish's associates. He was previously a summer associate with the firm in 2010 and 2011 after joining the firm via its 1L Diversity Fellowship Program.

Ricardo has represented hundreds of clients in U.S. District Courts around the country in IP disputes involving a wide range of technologies, including e-commerce and website systems, computer network architecture, computer software, encryption, telecommunication, and mobile applications. Ricardo's IP practice has also involved multiple appeals where he has represented clients as both appellants and appellees before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Additionally, Ricardo has represented many individuals and companies in state and federal courts in Texas regarding commercial disputes and general litigation, as well as class action and *qui tam* litigations.

Ricardo also served as an assistant district attorney in the Dallas County district attorney's office as part of its lawyer on loan program. The program afforded him an opportunity to serve Dallas County as a misdemeanor prosecutor, where he picked the jury for or first-chaired multiple jury trials, tried cases to the bench, and handled multiple hearings on state and defense motions.

Prior to law school, Ricardo was a vulnerability research manager at Critical Watch (Achilles Guard Inc.) before interning with Nortel Networks Inc., where he focused on the development and testing of multiple wireless technologies. He was also a software development intern for Ekin Information Systems, where he developed utilities for the company's proprietary software using various programming languages, including C++, C#, SQL, HTML, and Java.

Ricardo is also an avid (read: obsessive) baseball fan. His favorite teams are the Dominican Republic in any international competition and the Texas Rangers, for whom you can often find Ricardo cheering at Globe Life Field while complaining that the roof should be open.

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## Experience

*Inventor Holdings, LLC v. Bed Bath & Beyond Inc.* (District of Delaware & United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit): Obtained Federal Circuit affirmance of summary judgment of invalidity under 35 U.S.C. § 101 on behalf of Bed Bath & Beyond in patent infringement lawsuit involving the local processing of payments for orders placed remotely, as well as an award of attorneys'

fees after a finding that the case was exceptional under § 285, which the Federal Circuit also affirmed.

*Scott H. Howard et al. v. Chiron Point Investment Fund I, LLC* (Dallas, Texas): Obtained \$2+ million jury verdict for plaintiffs in lawsuit against the purchaser of plaintiffs' business over breach of purchase agreement, along with an award of all attorneys' fees and costs.

*Finnavations LLC v. Payoneer Inc.* (District of Delaware): Obtained grant of Rule 12(b)(6) dismissal under § 101 based on ineligibility of patent directed to a financial management system, along with an award of all of client's attorney fees.

*Opal Run LLC v. C&A Marketing, Inc.* (Eastern District of Texas): After forcing plaintiff to dismiss its case with prejudice without a settlement or payment, obtained grant of exceptional case finding under § 285 in case where plaintiff continued its pursuit of non-viable claims solely in an effort to avoid the risk of having to pay client's attorney's fees.

*Mantis Communications, LLC v. Baskin-Robbins Franchising, LLC, et al.* (Eastern District of Texas): Obtained grant and Federal Circuit affirmance of Rule 12(b)(6) dismissal under § 101 based on ineligibility of patents directed to delivering content to mobile devices.

*BSG Tech LLC v. Buyseasons, Inc.* (Eastern District of Texas): Obtained grant and Federal Circuit affirmance of Rule 12(b)(6) dismissal under § 101 based on ineligibility of patents directed to considering historical usage information while inputting data.

*Modern Font Applications LLC v. Peak Restaurant Partners, LLC, et al.* (District of Utah): Obtained grant and Federal Circuit affirmance of Rule 12 dismissals for lack of proper venue and failure to state a claim regarding allegations asserting infringement of a patent purportedly directed to the delivery of non-standard fonts to handheld devices.

*NexRF Corp. v. Playtika Ltd., et al.* (District of Nevada): Obtained grant and Federal Circuit affirmance of Rule 12 dismissal under § 101 based on ineligibility of patents directed to online gaming.

*Zyrcuits IP LLC v. Universal Electronics Inc.* (District of Delaware): Obtained grant of Rule 12(b)(6) dismissal under § 101 based on ineligibility of patent directed to grouping spread-spectrum data together with a single code instead of with parallel codes.

*Karamelion LLC v. Intermatic Incorporated* (Northern District of Illinois): Obtained grant of Rule 12(b)(6) dismissal under § 101 based on ineligibility of patent directed to using a network of relays to communicate over a distance.

*Electronic Communication Technologies, LLC v. Minted, LLC* (Southern District of Florida): Obtained grant of Rule 12(b)(6) dismissal under § 101 based on ineligibility of patents directed to automated notifications of travel status.

*Epic IP LLC v. Backblaze, Inc.* (District of Delaware): Obtained grant of Rule 12(b)(6) dismissal under § 101 based on ineligibility of patent directed to online chat technology.

*Tangelo IP LLC v. Tupperware Brands Corporation.* (District of Delaware): Obtained grant of Rule 12(b)(6) dismissal under § 101 based on ineligibility of patent directed to electronic catalog technology.

*Secure Cam LLC v. Tend Insights, Inc.* (Northern District of California): Obtained grant of Rule 12(b)(6) dismissal under § 101 based on ineligibility of patent directed to image recognition technology used in digital cameras.

*Lindsay Corp. v. Valmont Industries Inc.* (USPTO Patent Trial and Appeal Board): Obtained decision not to institute inter partes review in case involving client's patent directed to systems for monitoring and controlling irrigation equipment.

*EMG Technology LLC v. Etsy Inc.* (Eastern District of Texas): Obtained grant of Rule 12(b)(6) dismissal under § 101 based on ineligibility of patents directed to displaying information in a hierarchical tree format on a computer screen.

*Mankes v. Fandango, LLC and Regal Entertainment Group* (Eastern District of North Carolina): Obtained grant and Federal Circuit affirmance of Rule 12(b)(6) dismissal under § 101 based on ineligibility of patent directed to allocating, tracking, and controlling inventory.

*Icon Laser Solutions, LLC v. Abercrombie & Fitch, Co.* (Northern District of Texas): Obtained Rule 12(b)(6) dismissal for clients

Abercrombie & Fitch, Aeropostale, American Eagle Outfitters, Ralph Lauren, and Nine West Holdings in patent infringement lawsuit involving methods for using lasers to color and fade textiles.

*Tiffany and Company v. Lazare Kaplan International, Inc.* (USPTO Patent Trial and Appeal Board): Obtained final written decision invalidating claims relating to microinscribing the surface of a gemstone using a laser for Tiffany and Company as petitioner in *inter partes* review proceeding.

*TQP Development, LLC v. Intuit, Inc. et al.* (Eastern District of Texas): Obtained summary judgment of non-infringement for Hertz in patent infringement lawsuit involving website encryption technology. Also represented clients Expedia, Orbitz, and Google in earlier cases against TQP, resulting in favorable settlements on the eve of trial.

*ICON Internet Competence Network v. Travelocity.com LP* (Northern District of Texas & United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit): Obtained Federal Circuit affirmance of summary judgment of non-infringement for Travelocity in patent infringement lawsuit involving web site systems for generating a virtual reality scene, where the plaintiff sought damages of over \$25 million. The plaintiff eventually assigned its patents to Travelocity to end the lawsuit.

*Joshua J. Eisner v. Teletech Services Corporation* (Western District of Missouri): Obtained dismissal with prejudice of claims against defendant Teletech Services Corporation in case involving class-action lawsuit alleging violations of Fair Credit Reporting Act.

*Landmark Technology, LLC v. Assurant, Inc.* (Eastern District of Texas): Obtained Magistrate Judge's Report & Recommendation to grant Rule 12(b)(6) motion to dismiss based on asserted patent's failure to claim patent-eligible subject matter under § 101.

*E2E Processing, Inc. v. Cabela's Incorporated* (Eastern District of Texas): Obtained dismissal with prejudice of Cabela's in case involving end-to-end processing technology.

*Guyzar LLC v. StubHub, Inc.* (District of Delaware): Obtained grant of Rule 12(b)(6) dismissal under § 101 based on ineligibility of patent directed to confidentially authenticating a user by relying on a third party.

*Tenaha Licensing LLC v. Ascom (US) Inc.* (District of Delaware): Obtained dismissals of cases against multiple clients after securing report and recommendation from magistrate judge recommending grant of Rule 12(b)(6) motions under § 101 based on ineligibility of patent directed to relaying notification signals.

*Semantic Search Technologies, LLC v. Aldo US, Inc.* (Eastern District of Texas): Obtained grant of Rule 12(b)(6) motions under § 101 based on ineligibility of patents directed to iteratively searching for and presenting information based on user feedback.

*Orostream LLC v. Actiontec Electronics, Inc.* (Northern District of California): Obtained grant of Rule 12(b)(6) motions under § 101 based on ineligibility of patent directed to transmitting targeted information to users over a network.

*Checksum Ventures LLC v. Dell Inc.* (Northern District of Illinois): Obtained grant of Rule 12(b)(6) motions under § 101 based on ineligibility of patent directed to the manipulation of data to enable checksum technology.

*Rondevoo Technologies, LLC v. Aernos, Inc.* (District of Delaware): Obtained grant of Rule 12(b)(6) motions under § 101 based on ineligibility of patent directed to a sensor that detects and changes in reaction to the presence of a gas, chemical, or biological object.

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## Recognitions & awards

Best Lawyers in America

*Best Lawyers* 2021-2025

Rising Star

*Super Lawyers* 2016-2024

Best Lawyers Under 40

*D Magazine* 2018-2019, 2023

Top Lawyer Under 40

*Hispanic National Bar Association (HBNA)* 2021

Ones to Watch

*Best Lawyers* 2021

On the Rise

*Texas Lawyer* 2018

Pathfinder

*Leadership Council on Legal Diversity* 2018

Top 40 Young Lawyers

*American Bar Association* 2018

Hot List

*Lawyers of Color* 2014

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## Testimonials

"Riqui Bonilla is very responsive and can explain things in real-world terms." — *Client Testimonial, 2022 Chambers and Partners USA*

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## Professional associations

American Bar Association, Patent Litigation Committee, NPE Subcommittee

Leadership Council on Legal Diversity, City Lead – 1L Diversity Mentorship Program (Dallas); Executive Committee Member, Secretary

Dallas Bar Association

Dallas Association of Young Lawyers, Leadership Class Facilitator

Dallas Hispanic Bar Association

Hispanic National Bar Association

Texas Association of Young Lawyers

Patent Trial and Appeal Board Bar Association

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## Insights

Blog | August 15, 2024

Texas Patent Litigation Monthly Wrap-Up: June 2024

Article | August 25, 2022

Multidistrict Litigation in Patent Cases: a Run-Around on TC Heartland?

IP Law Essentials | May 26, 2020

What is Patentable Subject Matter?

Webinar | April 29, 2020

NPE Litigation: Trends & Strategies

IP Law Essentials | April 22, 2020

Patent Local Rules: Knowing Them Well Can Make Litigating Your Case Smoother

Blog | April 14, 2020

Federal Circuit Rules No "Prevailing Party" for Attorneys' Fees under § 285 after Plaintiff's Voluntary Dismissal — Even Where Defendant...

Blog | September 30, 2019

EDTX & NDTX Monthly Wrap-Up — September 2019

Blog | December 7, 2017

EDTX & NDTX Monthly Wrap-Up — November 2017

Blog | February 29, 2016

Shifting the § 101 Burden

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## News

Media Coverage | December 6, 2024

Principal Ricardo Bonilla Discusses Junior Attorney Training at Fish & Richardson

*Managing IP*

News | August 15, 2024

101 Fish Attorneys Included in the 2025 Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*

Media Coverage | August 1, 2024

Principal Ricardo Bonilla Explores Shifting Patent Litigation Trends in Texas

*Bloomberg Law*

News | August 1, 2024

Fish & Richardson Secures Victory for Genetec, Inc., in Exceptional Patent Infringement Suit

News | April 22, 2024

Fish & Richardson Files Amicus Briefs in Support of Homeless Rights in Landmark Supreme Court Case

News | August 17, 2023

101 Fish Attorneys Included in the 2024 Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*

News | August 22, 2022

96 Fish Attorneys Included in the 2023 Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*

News | March 21, 2022

Fish Tops List of Most Active Firms for Patent Defense and PTAB Petitioner Work in 2021

News | August 19, 2021

Fish Attorneys Recognized in 2022 Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*

News | March 19, 2021

Hispanic National Bar Association Recognizes Fish & Richardson Principal Ricardo Bonilla as a "Top Lawyer Under 40"

News | February 22, 2021

Fish & Richardson and ACLU of Massachusetts Win Pro Bono Lawsuit for Asylum-Seekers Challenging "Return to Mexico" Policy

Media Coverage | November 12, 2020

Empowering the Next Generation: Principals Riqui Bonilla and Nitika Gupta Fiorella on Fish & Richardson's Next Gen Initiative

*Corporate Counsel Business Journal*

News | May 18, 2020

Fish & Richardson Helps ACLU of Massachusetts Win Pro Bono Lawsuit Challenging Unlawful "Return to Mexico" Policy for Asylum-Seekers

News | February 7, 2020

Fish & Richardson Elevates 14 Attorneys to Principal

News | January 31, 2019

Fish & Richardson Named #1 Patent Litigation Firm for Defendants in the U.S. for 2018 by *Managing Intellectual Property*

News | September 5, 2018

Fish & Richardson Attorney Ricardo Bonilla Named to *Texas Lawyer's* 2018 "On the Rise" List

News | June 28, 2018

Fish & Richardson Attorney Ricardo Bonilla Named a 2018 On the Rise - Top 40 Young Lawyer by the ABA

News | December 12, 2017

Fish & Richardson Wins Federal Circuit Affirmation of \$1 Million in Attorneys' Fees for Bed Bath & Beyond in Patent Dispute

News | November 7, 2016

Fish & Richardson Recognized as a 2016 "Top Performer" by the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity

News | May 19, 2016

Five Fish & Richardson Attorneys Highlighted on 2016 Texas Super Lawyers List

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## Additional insights

### Publications

Ricardo is a contributing author to [Fish's IP Law Essentials](#)

- ["Empowering Our Future Litigation Leaders,"](#) *Corporate Counsel Business Journal* (November 2020)
- ["Federal Circuit Rules No "Prevailing Party" for Attorneys' Fees under § 285 after Plaintiff's Voluntary Dismissal – Even Where Defendant Invalidates Patent-in-Suit,"](#) *Fish Litigation Blog* (April 2020)
- [EDTX & NDTX Monthly Wrap-Up — September 2019,](#) *Fish Litigation Blog* (September 2019)
- ["Shifting the § 101 Burden,"](#) *Fish Litigation Blog* (February 2016)
- "Social Media Do's and Don'ts – Discussing Ongoing Litigation," *Fish Litigation Blog* (June 2015)
- "Social Media Dos and Don'ts for Lawyers," *State Bar of Texas, Business Disputes* course book (September 2014)
- "Contention Discovery Requests in Federal Cases in Texas: Punting in the First Quarter Could Lead to Disaster in the Fourth," *Texas Young Lawyers Association eNews* (October 2013)
- "A Patented Lie: Analyzing the Worthiness of Business Method Patents After *Bilski v. Kappos*," 43 *Texas Tech Law Review* 1285 (Summer 2011)

### Speaking engagements

- ["NPE Litigation: Trends & Strategies,"](#) *Fish Litigation Webinar* (April 2020)

### Media mentions

- ["Texas Patent Pendulum Swings Back From West to Eastern District,"](#) *Bloomberg Law* (August 1, 2024)
  - ["Partners step aside. It's time to let associates shine in court,"](#) *Reuters Legal News* (August 3, 2021)
  - ["Ricardo 'Riqui' Bonilla is One to Watch,"](#) *Dallas Association of Young Lawyers* (December 2020)
  - ["They've Got Next: Intellectual Property Fresh Face Ricardo Bonilla,"](#) *Bloomberg Law* (October 23, 2020)
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## Services

Litigation

Standard Essential Patents

Patent Litigation

Trademark, Copyright & Media Litigation

Trade Secret Litigation

Appellate

Post-Grant

*Inter Partes* Review

## Industries

Electrical & Computer Technology  
Software & Internet  
Digital Media & E-Commerce  
Financial, Business & FinTech Services  
Telecommunications  
5G  
Transportation, Aerospace & Defense

## Admissions

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

## Languages

English  
Spanish

## Education

J.D. *magna cum laude*, Order of the Coif, Order of the Barristers, National Order of Scribes, Texas Tech University School of Law (2012)  
B.S. *cum laude*, Software Engineering, University of Texas at Dallas (2009)