



## Thomas Rozylowicz

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### Overview

Tom Rozylowicz is a principal in Fish's Washington, D.C., office, where his practice includes all aspects of intellectual property law, with particular emphasis on patent procurement, post-grant America Invents Act proceedings, and licensing in the software, electronics, communications, and medical device fields.

Tom works with clients ranging from Fortune 100 to emerging companies in establishing and managing comprehensive IP programs that add capital value to clients and protect their products and markets. Tom provides patent procurement counsel to clients developing innovative business intelligence, telecommunications, network, biometric, software, semiconductors, medical device, and physical access control technologies. For example, an IEEE survey ranked a patent portfolio that Tom built was among the top in the software industry.

Tom also has experience in post-grant proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board. With a strong technical foundation, he represents both patent owners and petitioners in establishing positions before the PTAB for patents that are often in patent litigation. Tom has managed more than 90 AIA post-grant matters and is a member of the board of directors of the PTAB Bar Association, the first national bar association of its kind to form in more than 30 years. He previously served as conference chairman for the association, where he supported a national conference designed to foster best practices before the PTAB. Tom also provides general IP counseling on other strategic IP issues including risk assessment, patent opinions, patent mapping, patent categorization, and industry benchmarking.

With a diverse practice, Tom also enjoys working with early-stage companies. He has developed programs that reconcile existing asset management systems with docket management systems and extranets in order to better manage their developing IP.

Tom previously worked as a senior electrical engineer and a law clerk for the National Security Agency in Fort Meade, Maryland, where he directed leading-edge research efforts to develop secure communications equipment for the Department of Defense and the national intelligence community (1999-2000). He was also chief of network operations for the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisitions, Pentagon, Virginia, where he designed and managed a nationwide network upgrade supporting broadcast quality video and H.323 video conferencing, enabling the undersecretary to directly engage the entire DoD acquisition community (1994-1999). Tom also served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force (1998-2001).

### Technical Areas of Expertise

Software: machine learning; decision support systems; database design; sales support systems; business intelligence; encryption; data center and multicore processing; network processors; electronic conferencing; streaming media; network protocols; key management systems; VHDL design

Medical Device: endoscopic imagery and lenses; therapeutic lasers; surgical attachments; pain management systems; electrical stimulation systems; power management systems

Electrical: transistor design; power management; multichip packaging; current control; high power silicon carbide; antenna design; electronics and mobile device packaging; motors and generators and related power electronics; battery charging and discharging control systems; analog circuits; semiconductor manufacturing

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## Recognitions & awards

Stand-out Lawyer

*Thomson Reuters* 2022-2024

IAM Patent 1000

*IAM* 2020-2021, 2023-2024

Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll

*District of Columbia Courts* 2022

Top PTAB Practitioner

*Managing Intellectual Property (MIP)* 2018

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## Professional associations

PTAB Bar Association

- Secretary, Board of Directors (2024-present)
  - Board of Directors
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## Insights

Blog | March 31, 2025

What to Know About the PTAB's Discretionary Denial Shakeups

Blog | March 14, 2025

Trump Nominates John Squires as USPTO Director: Here's What to Watch

Webinar | January 8, 2025

2024 Post-Grant Year in Review

Blog | December 19, 2024

Director Review Spotlight: Applicant Admitted Prior Art

Article | June 20, 2024

A Well-Crafted IP Strategy Will Take Small Defense Contractors Far

Post-Grant Report | January 17, 2024

2023 Post-Grant Annual Report

Webinar | November 16, 2023

Intellectual Property Protection for Defense Contractors

Post-Grant Report | February 28, 2023

2022 Post-Grant Annual Report

Article | January 11, 2022

AI & Patent Proceedings

Blog | February 24, 2017

What Patents Can Be Challenged in the Patent Office as "Covered Business Methods"?

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## News

Media Coverage | October 17, 2024

Principal Thomas Rozylowicz Reflects on Three Years of the USPTO Director Review Process

*Managing IP*

News | June 11, 2024

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

Media Coverage | May 3, 2024

Principal Tom Rozylowicz Discusses AI's Impact on Prior Art

*Managing IP*

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 | June 16, 2022

26 Fish & Richardson Attorneys Named to the 2021 Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll

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...

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## Events

March 19, 2025

PTAB Bar Association Annual Conference 2025

November 14, 2024

SAS NPE Forum 2024

September 11, 2024

Thoma Bravo Portfolio Company Legal Leaders' Summit 2024

February 23, 2023

Veterans Before the PTAB and in IP: A Discussion of Veterans as a Diverse Constituency Appearing Before the PTAB

June 15, 2022

Global Intellectual Property (IP) ConfEx

September 24, 2020

2020 PTAB Bar Association Annual Conference

March 13, 2019

PTAB Bar Association 2019 Annual Conference

September 14, 2017

Boston Patent Law Association (BPLA): 2nd Annual PTAB Summit

March 1, 2017

PTAB Bar Association Inaugural Conference

December 1, 2016

Momentum: 2016 IP Counsel Exchange

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## Additional insights

### Publications

- [“AI and Patent Proceedings,” \*Bloomberg Law\*](#) (January 10, 2022)
- [“Joinder in Post-Grant Proceedings,” \*2015 Fish Post-Grant Report\*](#) (May 2, 2016)

### Speaking engagements

- “PTAB Master Class,” *PTAB Bar Association Annual Conference* (March 15, 2019)

### Media mentions

- ["Patent Pro Bono Work Protects IP of Technology Aimed at Ending Cyberbullying," \*ABA Center for Pro Bono Exchange\*](#) (February 8, 2022)

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## Services

Post-Grant

Patent

Patent Prosecution

## Industries

Electrical & Computer Technology

Semiconductors

## Admissions

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (2002)

Maryland (2003)

District of Columbia (2024)

## Education

J.D., George Washington University Law School (2003)

M.S., Electrical Engineering, George Mason University (1999)

B.S., Electrical Engineering, United States Air Force Academy (1994)