



# Complete Patent Prosecution and Strategic Counseling Services

- Worldwide patent portfolio strategy planning, analysis, and development
- Post-grant proceedings
- Advice on patentability
- Licenses and agreements
- Opinions on patent infringement and validity
- Intellectual property audits
- Oppositions (in Europe)
- Cost-reduction and cost-benefit analyses of patent strategies
- Intellectual property due diligence
- Joint ventures and alliances
- Patent searches
- Freedom-to-operate investigations and opinions
- Pre-suit investigations
- Representation before administrative and judicial panels
- Transactional due diligence

# Alexander Graham Bell. 3M. Thomas Edison. Microsoft. The Wright brothers. Bose.

These innovative people and companies have one thing in common: They partnered with Fish & Richardson to patent their intellectual property (IP).

Founded in 1878 by acknowledged patent bar leader Frederick Fish, Fish & Richardson is the world's leading patent prosecution and patent litigation law firm, representing visionaries in technology, business, and the arts while boasting a broad list of clients, from history-making entrepreneurs to multinational corporations.

Fish is uniquely qualified to prepare and prosecute patents that safeguard your ideas and advance your strategic business goals.

## Our Deep Legal Experience Delivers Business Results

Our in-depth legal knowledge gives you an insider's edge to efficiently navigate the patent process.

With more than 400 attorneys and technology specialists, our team offers extensive experience practicing IP strategy, counseling, licensing, IP litigation, and commercial litigation. Our deep bench includes more than 70 former law clerks and 25 former federal circuit clerks. More than a dozen of our attorneys and technology specialists worked at the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) before joining Fish.

That is why *U.S. News – Best Lawyers 2016* ranked Fish & Richardson Patent Law Firm of the Year, and after more than 4,200 interviews with in-house counsel, the *2015 BTI Intellectual Property Outlook* report ranked Fish & Richardson as the only “Powerhouse” firm for complex patent work, the most favored IP boutique, and the top “Go To” IP Firm, “Go To” IP Litigation Firm, and Best at Complex IP Litigation.

## We Understand Your Technology and Industry

When it comes to building durable patents that protect your innovations, industry experience and technical knowledge are as essential as legal know-how. Fish has more industry experience and a deeper technical knowledge than any other firm: More than 300 of our attorneys hold undergraduate and graduate degrees in science and technology disciplines. Our staff includes more than 50 technology specialists. Among our attorneys and technology specialists, more than 85 hold PhDs.

Our attorneys and technology specialists have proven experience working within multiple industry sectors as engineers, scientists, and product designers. They offer deep domain experience in aerospace and defense, biotech and pharma, chemicals, cleantech, consumer products, electrical and computer technology, energy, the internet, manufacturing, medical devices, nanotechnology, new media and entertainment, telecommunications, transportation, and more.

We will support you with a handpicked team of Fish experts who have training and experience specific to your technology and industry. Our learning curve is rapid — we will begin mastering your technology and issues on day one.

Our unique blend of industry, technical, and legal expertise will help you make the right strategic business decisions in order to succeed.

## Our Patent-Prosecution Processes Are Efficient, Thorough, and Flexible

We take the time to work with you to understand the nature of your business so that we can offer you the most efficient, thorough, and flexible patent processes and solutions. Here are three ways Fish stands apart:

- 1. We Use Specialized Technology to Improve Internal and External Communication** – Our Automated Practice Systems provide our team with electronic access to your files from anywhere in the world. Our team has access to USPTO correspondence the day it is issued, and our FISHLINK extranet gives you convenient anytime access to the very same patent information — saving you time and money.
- 2. We Deliver Added Value through Efficient Staffing** – Our highly trained junior attorneys and technology specialists manage the bulk of the technical patent application work under the direction of our senior attorneys (though clients may also choose to have our senior attorneys manage technical patent application work). Our formal in-house training program means that our clients do not pay to train our junior attorneys “on the job.” On all matters, senior attorneys manage workflow and cost to ensure that your work is completed efficiently and without duplication of effort.
- 3. We Offer Flexible Alternatives to Traditional Hourly Pricing Models** – We will work with you to define your needs, then build a budget and a creative fee agreement.

The end result: You can trust Fish to build you a patent portfolio that serves your most important business objectives at an outstanding value.

## We Infuse Patent Litigation Experience into Every Patent

Our litigation teams include top-notch patent prosecutors who have gained a deep understanding of potential prior art, patent laws and rules, and the fine distinctions between claims. Fish handles approximately twice as many patent cases as our nearest competitor, and most important, we win the largest cases, often with billions of dollars and entire businesses on the line. No other firm can match the breadth, depth, and dominance of our IP litigation practice.

As the #1 patent litigation practice and the #1 patent prosecution practice, we have the unique ability to infuse lessons learned by our court-hardened litigators into every patent application — giving your patent increased strength and durability to fend off future challenges.

## We Help You Leverage Post-Grant Challenges

The Leahy-Smith America Invents Act (AIA) of September 2012 was the most extensive revision of U.S. patent law in more than 50 years. It streamlines patent prosecution and increases patent quality, but it also makes it easier for others to challenge the validity of your patents.

Since such post-grant proceedings demand attorneys with skill sets in both patent prosecution and litigation, it is no surprise that Fish is the #1 law firm for petitioners at the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) and among the most active law firms overall.

Our multi-practice teams represent clients as both petitioners and patent owners, and we often conduct post-grant proceedings concurrently with district court patent litigation. We have successfully handled proceedings before the PTAB through trial and final written decision, and we are one of the top firms representing clients in appeals from post-grant proceedings.

## We Support Your Global Patent Applications

We established 12 strategically located offices to support your patent needs globally.

Our 11 U.S. offices are located in Atlanta, Austin, Boston, Dallas, Delaware, Houston, New York, Silicon Valley, Southern California, Twin Cities, and Washington, D.C. Our European office is located in Munich, Germany. Fish's office in Munich, home to the European and German Patent Offices as well as the German Federal Patent Court, is well positioned to serve our clients across all geographies.

To ensure the most efficient provision of European and U.S. patent services, Fish attorneys collaborate between our U.S. and Europe locations. We will support you with cross-staffed teams of attorneys and technology specialists who best understand your technology and industry — regardless of your location.

## For More Information

For more than 130 years, Fish has served the world's greatest innovators — protecting and defending big ideas. Our team of legal professionals and technology specialists has the experience, vision, and commitment that will help you transform your creative ingenuity into business results.

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# Industry Recognition

Patent Law Firm of the Year  
*U.S. News – Best Lawyers 2016*

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IP Boutique Law Firm Award, *The Legal 500*,  
including rankings as “Tier 1” patent  
prosecution practice, 2014-2015 and  
“Tier 1” patent litigation practice, 2014

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#1 Patent Contentious Law Firm of the Year  
*Managing Intellectual Property, 2015*

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BTI Consulting Group’s 2015 *Intellectual  
Property Outlook Report* ranked Fish as:

- The only “Powerhouse” firm for complex patent work
  - Most Favored IP Boutique
  - Top “Go To” IP Firm
  - Top “Go To” IP Litigation Firm
  - Best Firm at Complex IP Litigation
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“Tier 1” rankings in Patent Law, Technology Law, Intellectual Property Litigation, Patent Litigation, and Trademark Law  
*U.S. News – Best Lawyers,*  
Best Law Firms survey, 2012-2016

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Recipient of Top 2013 “Band 1” rankings in Intellectual Property and International Trade  
*Chambers USA, 2011-2013, 2015*

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Top PTAB Law Firm in the U.S.  
*Managing Intellectual Property, 2015-2016*

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Patent Prosecution and Patent Litigation Practices Received Top National Rankings,  
*IAM Patent 1000: The World’s Leading Patent Practitioners, 2013-2016*



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