

Patent Prosecution & Strategic Patent Counseling

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Since our founding in 1878, we have represented some of the **world's greatest innovators**, including Thomas Edison, Alexander Graham Bell, and the Wright brothers. We put this pedigree to work every day as strategic advisors to a **broad range of clients that includes thinkers, makers, and doers of every size and in every industry**. The depth of our resources is unmatched by any other firm, which makes us uniquely qualified to **safeguard your ideas** and **nurture your business**.

Representative Clients



Why Clients Choose Fish

We are experts in [law](#) and [technology](#)

Because patent law sits at the intersection of law and technology, technical expertise and legal acumen are both essential attributes for patent attorneys. With more than 400 attorneys, agents, and technology specialists on staff—many of whom spent years in the field before joining Fish—we have assembled a team whose formidable industry experience you won't find elsewhere. No matter what technology you have developed, we likely have someone on our team who is an expert on the subject. And even if we don't, our formal in-house training programs—including our intensive Patent Boot Camp—ensure that our clients do not pay for attorneys to train on the job.

We keep you [informed](#)

Lack of communication is the most common complaint against law firms. At Fish, we know that our clients frequently have questions about their matters, and we believe that the best way to build attorney-client trust is to maintain clear and open lines of communication. We work with all of our clients early in the relationship to establish a regular schedule of briefings, and it is our policy to respond to phone calls and emails promptly. As part of implementing our communications philosophy, we developed FISHLink™, an online tool that gives you convenient, anytime access to the same matter information, documents, and updates that our attorneys have, ensuring that our whole team is on the same page and working together.

Our Legal Team

252

US Registered
Attorneys & Agents

10

Former Patent
Examiners

27

Former Federal
Circuit Clerks

98

PhDs

60

Technology
Specialists

We staff our matters efficiently

Our goal is to provide a stable, efficient, and responsive team that can help you realize your vision for your IP portfolio. Our staffing models are customizable to each client (or each project), taking into account your goals, budget, and expectations. We will work with you to understand your business objectives and assemble the best team to help you achieve them. For matters outside the US and Europe, our Preferred Foreign Associate Program gives our clients access to a wide range of firms around the world—all of which have been heavily vetted by Fish. Many of these firms offer Fish clients significant discounts on fees and translations, and all have committed to providing exemplary service.

We offer flexibility in pricing

We treat your money as if it were our own, and offer alternative pricing models that differ from the traditional billable hour, including:

- Budget per matter
- Blended rates
- Fixed fees
- Monthly retainer

Accolades

Tier 1 – Patent Prosecution Firm of the Year

Managing Intellectual Property, 2018

IP Practice Group of the Year

Law360, 2018

Top PTAB Law Firm

Managing Intellectual Property, 2015-2018

Top Patent Firm

Juristat, 2018

Top National Ranking

IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Practitioners, 2015-2017

Life Sciences Practice Group of the Year

Law360, 2017

We modernize the practice of law

You don't often hear the terms "law firm" and "cutting edge" together, but at Fish, we use homegrown innovative tools and processes every day in our practice. A few of the groundbreaking initiatives we have implemented at the firm include:

- **Automated Practice Systems (APS):** A firmwide case management system that provides our team with electronic access to your files anytime, anywhere. Clients can access their matters in APS in real time through our FISHLINK extranet.
- **National Patent Paralegal Team (NPPT):** A centralized, highly trained group of patent paralegals operating under a streamlined procedure for patent prosecution work.
- **Firm Administrative Hub:** A central location for all administrative functions, including finance and accounting, IT, and practice systems for all of the firm's 13 offices.
- **PowerDocket:** A custom-built docketing application that uses rules and logic to organize, color-code, and present docket information to each attorney in a meaningful, actionable way. PowerDocket enables team collaboration and provides access to contextual information, including target dates and financials, as well as offering quick and easy reporting options.
- **OutLaw:** A custom-built case management tool that provides important client- and matter-related information to our legal teams directly within Microsoft® Outlook. OutLaw uses information within a selected email to identify the relevant matter and allows for document management and retrieval, docket review, time entry, and other efficiencies, which reduces the amount of time attorneys spend on everyday tasks.

Many of Fish's efforts to streamline and modernize the practice of law have been recognized in local and national media as innovative solutions that improve client service and reduce costs.

We integrate litigation with prosecution

Fish is the top-ranked patent litigation firm in the United States, handling twice as many patent cases as our nearest competitor, and we are well-known for winning the largest cases, often with billions of dollars and entire businesses on the line. We have the unique ability to infuse the lessons learned by our court-tested litigators into every patent application we handle. Our patent prosecutors approach every case by taking into account the possibility of future litigation, giving your patent increased strength and durability to fend off challenges.

We're a post-grant powerhouse

Since the passage of the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act in 2012, it has become easier and less expensive for competitors to challenge the validity of your patents in post-grant proceedings at the USPTO. These include *Inter Partes* Review (IPR), Post-Grant Review (PGR), and Covered Business Methods (CBM). Post-grant proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) require attorneys who are skilled in both patent prosecution and litigation, as they combine elements of both practices. This makes such proceedings ideal for us; in fact, Fish handles more cases at the PTAB than any other firm.

With 140 years of experience representing the world's most influential thinkers, makers, and doers, there are very few legal or technical issues that we have not handled. From our deep technical expertise to our innovative approach to the practice of law, it's easy to see why so many companies trust Fish to safeguard their intellectual assets. Contact us at any of our offices to begin transforming your creative ingenuity into business results.

Comprehensive Patent Services

A strong patent strategy requires more than just prosecution. Our patent team handles every aspect of the patent procurement process, including:

- **Validity and infringement opinions**
- **Patent portfolio planning, analysis, and development**
- **Licensing and agreements**
- **IP due diligence**
- **Post-grant proceedings**

Fish Facts

**5,500 US applications per year
(average)**

**4,000 foreign applications per year
(average)**

**Twice as many patent litigation
cases as our nearest competitor**

**More cases at the PTAB than
any other firm**

**First firm to obtain a reversal
of a PGR at the Federal Circuit**

**13 offices in the US, Europe,
and China**



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Fish & Richardson, a premier global intellectual property law firm, is sought-after and trusted by the world's most innovative brands and influential technology leaders. Fish offers patent prosecution, counseling and litigation; trademark and copyright prosecution, counseling and litigation; and commercial litigation services. Our deep bench of attorneys with first-chair trial experience in every technology makes us the go-to firm for the most technically complex cases. We have an established reputation as a top-tier firm for patent portfolio planning, strategy and prosecution, as well as post-grant proceedings at the PTAB. Fish was established in 1878, and now has more than 400 attorneys and technology specialists in the U.S., Europe and China. Our success is rooted in our creative and inclusive culture, which values the diversity of people, experiences and perspectives. For more information, visit fr.com or follow us at [@FishRichardson](https://twitter.com/FishRichardson).

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