In today's economy, a company is often defined in the global marketplace by its success in procuring, managing and enforcing its intellectual property.

Perkins Coie’s IP practice combines the focus and flexibility of a boutique firm with the complementary services of one of the world’s leading technology law firms. Our internationally recognized practice consists of more than 250 attorneys and agents who provide innovative, comprehensive counsel at every stage of IP protection and development, including patent litigation and appeals, post-grant proceedings, patent prosecution, portfolio counseling and technology licensing, as well as copyright, trademark, trade secret and unfair competition counseling and litigation.

Over 175 of our attorneys and other professionals have degrees in electrical engineering, computer science and life sciences-related fields, and many of our attorneys previously worked as scientists, engineers or in-house counsel. We have built a premier practice by immersing ourselves in our clients’ technologies and industries, and clients benefit from our interdisciplinary approach to matters. Our IP team is highly skilled at analyzing technology, with the experience and issue-specific backgrounds to master complex scientific issues.

COMMITMENT TO PRACTICE INNOVATION

We are an industry leader in developing technology-focused solutions to better serve our clients, including proprietary patent tools and portfolio analytic capabilities. Our award-winning tools, which provide clients greater visibility into data about our legal work, include Portfolio Dashboard, a cloud-based platform that allows clients real-time access to their patent portfolio data, increasing client control and reducing overall management costs, and P4, a custom workload management system that aggregates and cleanly displays matter status, deadlines and progress toward budget information in real time.

Portfolio Dashboard. With our proprietary Portfolio Dashboard, clients gain real-time access to their patent portfolio data and an easier report generation process, reducing overall management costs. Designed to put more power into the hands of our clients and help corporate management easily assess patent portfolio status and track portfolio progress, the dashboard pulls and presents data in a variety of simple-to-use graphs and reports.

Perkins Coie Patent Prosecution Platform (P4). Our custom workload management system focuses on managing large-scale patent prosecution portfolios effectively and efficiently. The streamlined, web-based tool aggregates and displays data from our docketing, time entry and billing systems in real time.


PATENT LITIGATION AND APPEALS

Perkins Coie regularly represents clients in high-stakes patent matters around the country. Our team litigated over 250 patent cases during the past two years, with achievements that include outright wins on motions to dismiss, summary judgments, and bench and jury trials. Additionally, we have resolved disputes through the negotiation of many favorable settlements. Our patent enforcement and defense experience spans the major centers of district court litigation as well as the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) and U.S. Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB).

When cases go up on appeal, we have a winning record representing clients in high-stakes patent appeals before the Federal Circuit. Our practice includes several former Federal Circuit law clerks as well as the former Solicitor and Deputy General Counsel for Intellectual Property Law at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). Our industry-shaping wins have garnered us recognition from Law360 as an appellate “Practice Group of the Year” in 2018, and as one of the firms that “dominated” in patent cases decided by the Federal Circuit the past three years in a row, ranking number one for win percentage (85 percent) and third in total victories in 2018.

In addition to our comprehensive patent litigation experience, clients benefit from access to the sophistication of an Am Law 50 national litigation law firm known for achievements in antitrust, unfair trade practices, product liability, trade secrets, copyright, trademark, international trade and other areas of law.
PATENT PROSECUTION AND PORTFOLIO COUNSELING

Perkins Coie has market-leading capabilities in patent portfolio counseling and prosecution, with more than 100 USPTO-registered patent attorneys and agents. Our investment in clients has allowed us to become authorities in numerous cutting-edge technologies. We leverage knowledge of caselaw and industry trends to draft quality patents and develop strategic patent portfolios that can better withstand future challenges and are also attractive to potential buyers and licensees. Our attorneys have filed over 8,400 new patent applications in the past two years on behalf of our clients and are skilled in navigating patent offices worldwide.

We are also one of the most experienced firms in patent-based transactions and have been at the forefront of the patent marketplace for the past decade, facilitating hundreds of millions of dollars of patent purchases or sales for clients. We have a dedicated in-house patent analysis team that utilizes multiple third-party software services to help deliver outstanding portfolio analysis results, guided by our significant experience helping clients identify monetization opportunities.

POST-GRANT PROCEEDINGS

With one of the largest patent legal teams in the United States, Perkins Coie routinely advises clients looking to the America Invents Act’s post-grant procedures and invalidity trials to protect or challenge patents. We have one of the most active and successful PTAB practices in the country with a deep bench of tested, high-performing patent litigators and prosecutors who have appeared as counsel of record in more than 350 IPRs and other post-grant proceedings on behalf of petitioners and patent owners. We have represented clients since the earliest days of IPR proceedings, accumulating a winning track record.

Our forward-thinking advice reflects our experience, our research from tracking decisions and other data, and our in-depth training programs for our attorneys and clients. Our practice includes the former Solicitor and Deputy General Counsel for Intellectual Property Law at the USPTO who also acted as the USPTO’s Chief Administrative Patent Judge in charge of the PTAB.

TRADEMARK, COPYRIGHT, INTERNET & ADVERTISING

Perkins Coie works closely with clients to identify and protect the integrity of their brands and distinguish clients from competitors. We help clients develop strategies and programs, identify and perfect IP rights, and assert or defend these rights. With more than 50 attorneys located in key markets throughout the United States and China, we have extensive experience in all areas of U.S. and international trademark prosecution, counseling, enforcement and litigation.

Our attorneys carefully manage more than 30,000 trademark filings and registrations for more than 950 clients in 180 countries across many industries. We have registered more than 3,300 trademarks in the last two years alone. We protect and enforce copyrights through registration, counseling and agreements, regularly representing authors, artists, companies and other organizations in the arts, entertainment and sports industry, as well as clients in many other technologies and industries.

We have extensive experience litigating trademark, copyright, trade dress, dilution, unfair competition, false advertising, false endorsement, domain name, gray market, and anti-counterfeiting and trade secret claims in courts across the country.

In addition, our attorneys help clients develop and implement IP investigation and enforcement programs, and we are frequently recognized for our capabilities and experience in the internet governance and ICANN space. We also assist in-house legal and marketing teams in planning for and executing advertising, marketing and promotional campaigns that comply with complex and rapidly changing state and federal laws and defend companies accused by consumers, competitors or regulatory agencies of violating these laws.

Our China IP practice has deep experience supporting multinationals with the registration, prosecution, maintenance and enforcement of IP rights in China. This group assists clients across diverse industries with the enforcement of rights to trademarks, copyright, patents and trade secrets before China’s administrative agencies and the People’s Courts. The team regularly supports clients in high-profile IP litigation matters and advises clients on privacy, cybersecurity, internet and other regulatory matters in China.

OUR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PRACTICE HAS GARNERED SIGNIFICANT RECOGNITION, INCLUDING:

- Named by Law360 as one of the top “Firms That Dominated the Federal Circuit” for the third year in a row, ranking number one for win percentage (85 percent) and third in total victories in 2018
- Named one of the top seven firms that general counsel look to hire for IP litigation, according to BTI Litigation Outlook 2019, an annual analysis of the legal landscape by BTI Consulting Group
- Recognized as a leader in “Innovation in Business of Law” for our patent portfolio tools P4 and Portfolio Dashboard by the Financial Times
- Ranked third for gender diversity in our IP practice in the 2018 Inclusion Blueprint Survey by ChiPs and the Diversity Lab
- Named by Law360 as having an appellate “Practice Group of the Year” in 2017

Our inclusive culture is reflected in our IP practice, which has the highest gender diversity in the industry. Our attorneys come from diverse backgrounds and perspectives, and we are proud to have been named one of the top seven most inclusive IP firms in the country by BTI Consulting Group.
Ranked among the leading firms globally, nationally and regionally for Intellectual Property: Patent by Chambers

Ranked nationally for patent litigation and prosecution, trademark law, post-grant proceedings, ITC litigation and life sciences in the U.S. and for trademark law in China by Managing IP

Ranked fifth among the most active national firms representing PTAB petitioners in 2018 by Lex Machina

Ranked fourth among national firms handling patent defense cases in 2018 per Docket Navigator

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Ranked as having a leading China trademark practice by the China Business Law Journal

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Named among the top five startup law firms nationwide hired for IP and other services per Kruze Consulting

Named the most-hired firm by America's largest companies for IP litigation in 2017 by Corporate Counsel

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Ranked nationally and regionally for patent prosecution and litigation by Intellectual Asset Management

Ranked as a leading firm for patent litigation by Managing IP

Ranked one of the top ten law firms handling post-grant proceedings in 2018 per Docket Navigator

Ranked one of the top five law firms for representing PTAB petitioners in 2018 by Managing Intellectual Property

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NEWS

07.03.2019

The National Law Journal

Nate Kelley was quoted in The National Law Journal article, "Patent Lawsuits Up in 2019; PTAB Filings Down," regarding PTAB's increasing reluctance to hold trials on patent validity challenges.

07.02.2019
Four Perkins Coie Attorneys Recognized by Intellectual Asset Management as Global Leading IP Strategists

Perkins Coie is pleased to announce that four of its attorneys were recognized by Intellectual Asset Management (IAM) in the IAM Strategy 300 list for 2019 which recognizes the world's leading professionals in patent prosecution, licensing and litigation. Partners Dana Hayter (San Francisco), Chun Ng (Seattle), Aaron Poledna (Seattle) and Amy Simpson (San Diego), who have all been recognized for several years, again made the list in 2019.

06.21.2019
IAM Recognizes 33 Perkins Coie Attorneys as Top IP Practitioners and Names Firm a U.S. Litigation Leader

Perkins Coie is pleased to announce that the firm and 33 of its intellectual property attorneys were recognized by Intellectual Asset Management in the IAM Patent 1000 list for 2019, which recognizes the world's leading patent professionals who are the best in class in patent prosecution, licensing and litigation.

06.20.2019
Gene Lee Mentioned in Law360 - PTAB Axes 2 Card Game Patents Under Alice

Law360

Partner Gene Lee was mentioned in the Law360 article, "PTAB Axes 2 Card Game Patents Under Alice," regarding his representation of Bally when the Patent Trial and Appeal Board invalidated two card game patents at the center of a licensing dispute between Bally and another casino game maker.

06.18.2019
Managing Intellectual Property Recognizes 26 Perkins Coie Attorneys as IP Stars and Two as Top 250 Women in IP

Perkins Coie is pleased to announce that the firm and 26 of its intellectual property attorneys were recognized in Managing Intellectual Property's (MIP) 2019 IP Stars list. Additionally, two women partners, Shannon Bloodworth, Firmwide Co-Chair of the Intellectual Property practice, and Grace Han Stanton again landed on the MIP Top 250 Women in IP list.
Perkins Coie Ranked a Top Firm for China Patent and Trademark Work by Asian Legal Business

Press Releases

Perkins Coie is pleased to announce that it has been ranked as one of the top global law firms for patent and trademark work in China as part of Asian Legal Business’s (ALB) annual intellectual property rankings for 2019.

BLOG

PTAB Tech Center 1600 Round-Up: Week of June 10-14, 2019

During the week of June 10–14, 2019, the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (“Board”) issued one IPR final written decision in TC 1600. Rimfrost AS v. Aker BioMarine Antarctic AS, IPR2018-00295 (Final Written Decision Entered June 12, 2019) The Board issued a final written decision on a patent challenged by Rimfrost AS (“Petitioner”), U.S. Patent...

Supreme Court Prevents the Government from Challenging Patents in PTAB Proceedings

On June 10, 2019, the Supreme Court held that a federal agency is not a “person” who can file a petition for review of a patent under one of the three new proceedings created by the America Invents Act (“AIA”). Return Mail, Inc. v. United States Postal Service, 587 U.S. ___, 2019 WL 2412904, at...

FDA Provides More ANDA Exclusivity Information

By way of background, Under the Drug Price Competition and Patent Term Restoration Act of 1984, also known as the Hatch-Waxman Amendments, a company can seek FDA approval to market a generic drug before the expiration of patents related to the brand-name drug that the generic seeks to copy. To seek this approval, a generic applicant...

PTAB Tech Center 1600 Roundup: Week May 6-10

During the week of May 6, 2019, the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (“the Board”) issued four decisions in TC 1600. In those, the Board instituted two inter partes reviews (“IPR”) and one post grant review (“PGR”), but refused to institute one IPR. Neptune Generics LLC v. Aventis Pharma S.A., Case IPR2019-00136 (Decision Denying Institution...

PUBLICATIONS

June 2019

IPR>>IRL: A brief guide to the essentials of inter partes reviews in real life

Attorney Publications

Because IPR proceedings provide a faster and cheaper alternative to district court litigation, the process has become a popular means for challenging issued patent claims. This summary breaks down the IPR process and identifies some basic strategic considerations for challengers and patent owners. Read the full IPR>>IRL

05.30.2019


Updates

Judge Lucy Koh of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California ruled for the FTC last week in its antitrust enforcement action against Qualcomm.

PRESENTATIONS

09.11.2019

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New USPTO Motion-To-Amend Program Raises Concerns
Perkins Coie Partner Nate Kelley authored an article for Law360 raising concerns with the USPTO's new motion-to-amend pilot program.

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