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Adam is valued by clients and colleagues alike for his creative perspective, attention to detail and technical experience. Before practicing law, Adam worked as an aerospace engineer, where he designed, tested and implemented fly-by-wire avionics systems for BlackHawk helicopters.

As an attorney, Adam works closely with clients of all sizes to understand business goals, build relationships and develop comprehensive, cost-effective strategies to protect intellectual property assets. Adam has a unique and diverse practice that includes intellectual property litigation, patent preparation and prosecution (domestic and foreign), licensing, due diligence in the context of product releases, mergers and acquisitions and investment funding.

With respect to litigation, Adam also has over a decade of experience enforcing, defending and monetizing patents, trademarks and copyrights. Adam handles high-value, bet-the-company disputes before federal courts across the U.S. and the Patent Trial and Appeal Board. Notably, Adam brings a solution-oriented approach that often resolves disputes before trial.

On the technical side, Adam has extensive experience with various mechanical and electrical technologies, including:

- Artificial Intelligence, including large language models, recurrent neural networks and machine learning
- Telecommunications and advanced network protocols
- Semiconductors, including circuit design
- Avionics and flight control systems
- Medical devices
- Cloud computing
- Plastics manufacturing
- Oil and gas exploration and exploitation
- Encryption and cybersecurity
- Blockchain
- Financial services and business methods

## Capabilities

- Electrical Engineering & Computer Science Patent Prosecution
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Patent Preparation & Prosecution
- Post-Grant Proceedings
- Patent Litigation
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Trademark, Copyright & Branding Litigation

## Education

- University of Connecticut School of Law (J.D., 2010)
  - Certificates of Study in Intellectual Property and Taxation; Moot Court
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute (B.S.E.E., *honors* , 2005)

## Bar Admissions

- California
- New York
- Connecticut
- Massachusetts
- Admitted to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office

## Court Admissions

- United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts

## Memberships

- Los Angeles Intellectual Property Law Association
- Association for Corporate Growth (ACG)
- Association for Corporate Counsel (ACC)
- Michel Inn of the Court

## Recognition

- Recognized as a “Legal Visionary” for Intellectual Property by *The Los Angeles Times*, 2023
- Selected for inclusion in "Rising Stars" by *California Super Lawyers*, 2015-2023
- Selected for inclusion in "Rising Stars" by *Connecticut Super Lawyers*, 2013-2014
- Recipient of CALI Award for Excellence in Intellectual Property
- Awarded "Best Brief Recipient" in Hastie Moot Court Competition

## Matters

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- Represented a health care IT consulting firm in a suit by a former employee who claimed ownership of a proprietary health care software program and sought more than \$150 million in damages. After substantial discovery and active litigation, the Polsinelli team secured a complete summary judgment for our client weeks before trial.
- Represented a financial services client as part of trial defense team defending against an electronic check processing patent infringement in the Eastern District of Texas. The jury returned a verdict finding no infringement and further invalidated the patent under 35 U.S.C. § 101. It is believed this is the first case where a jury invalidated a patent under 35 U.S.C. § 101 since the Federal Circuit's precedential decision in

*Berkheimer.*

- Assisted Fortune 500, Fortune 100, Fortune 50, and startup clients develop and protect patent portfolios (domestic and foreign) in industries including, aerospace, consumer electronics, energy, telecommunications, enterprise networks, semiconductor chip manufacturing, and financial services. Served as a member on client-side patent review boards, and prepared and successfully prosecuted numerous patent applications.
- Represented a leading privately held cosmetic company in multiple trademark and copyright infringement actions against a number of defendants. Successfully obtained ex parte seizure orders, temporary restraining orders that were converted into injunctions, defended against counterclaims under California's Anti-SLAPP statute in connection with the publicity of the cases, and obtained a judgment awarding \$4 million in statutory damages against non-settling defendants.
- Represented a plastics manufacturing company involving infringement of multiple patents related to tamper resistant and tamper evident containers. Successfully appealed an adverse claim construction ruling at the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals, which led to a favorable settlement.
- Represented an LED manufacturer against allegations of patent infringement by three optics patents in the Eastern District of Texas. Successfully argued indefiniteness during claim construction under the Supreme Court's *Nautilus* decision, resulting in an early dismissal with prejudice.
- Represented a Fortune 200 financial company in a post grant proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB), resulting in a denial of an institution of an Inter Partes Review.