

Patent Preparation & Prosecution

Polsinelli's Patent Preparation and Prosecution team understands and values the importance of each client's IP assets. Our team of talented professionals has the breadth of skill and vast industry experience to tailor our strategies to meet each client's individual needs and handle the day-to-day management of large patent estates. We share our clients' passions and enjoy learning what they have invented. No project is too big or too small as we have counseled clients from startups to investors, universities and Fortune 100 companies.

We help our clients build value by developing offensive and defensive patent strategies. We obtain patents for core innovations and build and manage large portfolios of patents across a broad spectrum of scientific and technological disciplines. At the core, Polsinelli prepares and prosecutes patent applications in the U.S. and guides global portfolio management. To build effective and defensible IP strategies, we believe that it is important to do more than prosecute patents. We take a business-oriented approach to IP.

Patent prosecution has never been more challenging or important. With the America Invents Act (AIA) enactment and global emphasis on innovation, patent protection continues to evolve. Polsinelli has a deep bench of registered patent professionals with the comprehensive backgrounds necessary to protect ideas across numerous industries in this evolving landscape. Many of our professionals have advanced degrees and extensive scientific or engineering work experience, including significant depth in the areas of:

- Biotechnology & Life Sciences
- Chemical Manufacturing
- Mechanical Engineering & Medical Devices
- Electrical Engineering & Computer Science
- Product Design & User Experience Technologies

Our attorneys understand that patents are business assets, and we help clients beyond maximizing the value of their portfolios. Our patent professionals routinely handle patent-centric business transactions, enforcement actions, IP due diligence in financing transactions and mergers and acquisitions, post-grant proceedings within the USPTO, freedom-to-operate assessments and strategy, and licensing and patent litigation. This diversity of experience and the accompanying insights are also brought to bear when drafting and prosecuting patents.

Ultimately, we understand that clients desire valuable assets that attract financing or a strategic partner, ward off competition, used for defensive purposes and can be successfully asserted when necessary. Having a team of attorneys with the ability to do more for our clients than prosecute patents enables us to advise our clients on the best path to protect their interests.

We received national rankings from *U.S. News & World Report 2023* "Best Law Firms" for Patent Law and in the 2025 *IAM Patent 1000* for patent prosecution. We are ranked among the Top 1-2% of patent firms by *Patexia* Patent Prosecution Intelligence Report, 2022 Edition. Rankings were taken from a study of 5,000 firms. We are also named on *Juristat* "Firms with Most Applications in Front of Difficult Examiners," "24 Firms with the Best Track Record Against Difficult Examiners" and "Top Patent Firms" lists, 2021.

Recent rankings include:

- *2025 Patent Prosecution Intelligence Report* where Polsinelli received the following rankings:
 - #14 – Best Performing Law Firms in High-Technology
 - #26 – Most Active Firms Overall in Biotechnology
 - #32 – Most Active Firms Overall
 - #33 – Best Performing Law Firms Overall
 - #34 – Most Active Firms Overall in High-Technology
 - #42 – Best Performing Law Firms in Biotechnology
- *2024 Patent Litigation Intelligence Report*, Polsinelli received the following rankings:
 - #49 – Most Active Firms representing Defendants
 - #56 – Best Performing Firms representing Plaintiffs
 - #60 – Best Performing Firms Overall
 - #63 – Best Performing Firms representing Defendants
 - #74 – Most Active Firms Overall
- *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, Patent Prosecution, District of Columbia, 2023

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- Managing patent portfolios of multi-national telecommunication, pharmaceutical, medical device, computer hardware and software, and consumer products companies, among others
- Assisting various start-ups and small companies to protect their core innovations
- Assisted a company in bringing a new insecticide to market by issuing freedom to operate opinions, drafting patent applications based on new compositions in use of pesticides, clearance of trademarks so the packaging was relieved of any issues, and close work with executives at the company to ensure both entry into the marketplace as well as protection of intellectual property.
- Partnering with leading-edge fitness companies to introduce and protect indoor cycling, power measurement and bike trainer products.
- Represented medical technology company funded by Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers and acquired by a Fortune 500 medical technology company for over \$100M.
- Partner with universities to assist students, researchers, and professors to obtain patent protection for various technological innovations
- Successfully obtained patent protection for a system for detecting Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs). The patented technology assists armed forces in detection and avoidance of potential IED threats in a combat zone.
- Prepared and filed several applications for a serial entrepreneur to protect his innovations related to cloud computing and 3-D seismic exploration data.