



**MISSION**

Partner Profiles

**BOARD**

**Karl Fink**

Managing Partner, Fitch Even Tabin and Flannery, a Taskforce Strategic partner since 2001

**LEARNING  
SYSTEMS**

Karl has established a strong tradition of leadership in the Taskforce collaborative process. He listens to the other person's opinion. He asks questions for better understanding and then, if not satisfied, he makes a constructive suggestion that offers a better way to express the opinion or meet a common need.



**COMPETENCIES  
& STANDARDS**

**IP COMMERCE**

This is an extra-ordinary leadership technique that encourages expression of opinion, provides help and direction rather than mere criticism that provides neither. The dignity of the other party is always reinforced while his encouragement and support is a positive example of the Taskforce's "best and brightest" in action.

**SYSTEMS  
& TOOLS**

**PARTNERS**

Employment:

Karl is the managing partner of the law firm Fitch, Even, Tabin & Flannery, 120 South La Salle Street, Suite 1600, Chicago, Illinois 60603, O: 312-577-7000, email: [krfink@fitcheven.com](mailto:krfink@fitcheven.com). Karl is a partner in the firm's Litigation Practice. He has extensive experience in commercial and tort litigation, with experience in patent, trademark, copyright, and trade secret actions. Representative cases in which Karl had primary or significant responsibility include: *Overhead v. Chamberlain*, 194 F.3d 1261 (Fed. Cir. 1999); *Greisz v. Household Bank*, 176 F.3d 1612 (7th Cir. 1999); *Energy Services Air Conditioning v. Nicor, Inc.*, 46 USPQ 2d 1639 (N.D. Ill. 1997); *Paramount Packaging Corp. v. Cello Bag Co., Inc.*, 909 F.2d 1494 (Fed Cir. 1990), *Whittaker Corp. v. UNR Industries Inc.*, 911 F.2d 709 (Fed. Cir. 1990), *Cabot Corp. v. Thai Tantalum Inc.*, 25 USPQ2d 1619 (Del. Ch. 1992), *Blanas v. Alwan*, 1995 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 9315; *Corrales v. American Cab Co.*, 524 N.E.2d 923 (Ill.App. 1988); *Reliance Ins. Co. v. Nick J. Giannini, Inc.*, 511 N.E.2d 755 (Ill. App. 1987).

**PARTICIPATION**

**NEWS &  
EVENTS**

Professional Memberships/Affiliations:

Admitted to Illinois Bar (1981), U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and the Seventh Circuit, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (member of Trial Bar). Registered to practice before U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (1990). Member of American Bar Association, Illinois State Bar Association, and Chicago Bar Association.

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Karl is on the list of Leading Illinois Attorneys, and is past president of the Chicago Lincoln American Inn of Court

Education:

University of Michigan (B.S.E. 1978, magna cum laude); ( J.D. 1981) Tau Beta Pi.

### **Bill Coughlin**

"One of the biggest issues facing Corporate America today is the need for a more meaningful way to evaluate the intangible assets and intellectual capital for management and investor use alike. Our Taskforce is developing valuation methods and creating strategic alliances to support implementation at the national and international levels!"

-- **Bill Coughlin**,  
President, Ford Global Technologies  
& IP Counsel Ford Motor Company  
Honorary Taskforce Chair

