

Partner

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Profile

“It’s rewarding to be part of a sharply focused yet nimble trial team that can go up against high-profile large firms and consistently come away with the best possible results for our client.”

Allen E. Hoover focuses his practice on patent matters, including litigation and trial work, portfolio management, counseling, and licensing. He has served as lead counsel in many patent infringement lawsuits and IPR proceedings. As he describes his approach, “I view patent practice as an integrated discipline that incorporates litigation work, prosecution, and counseling.”

He also focuses on management of law firm risk and on practice management. Allen has served as an expert witness or consultant in a number of third-party proceedings.

Allen is a member of Fitch Even’s Executive Committee.

Representative Matters

- Represents a large medical products company in litigation and other contested matters and leads the Fitch Even team responsible for patent matters for this company.
- Serves as patent procedure authority in patent malpractice actions.
- Acts as internal counsel to the firm for certain contested matters.
- Represents a major European specialty chemicals manufacturer in transactional and opinion matters and leads the Fitch Even team for this client.
- Represents one of the world’s largest coatings companies, again leading the Fitch Even team for this client.

Education

J.D., University of Illinois
College of Law, 1993, *magna cum laude*

B.S., Chemistry, University of
Illinois, 1990

B.S., Chemical Engineering,
University of Illinois, 1990

Bar Admissions

Illinois

U.S. Patent and Trademark
Office

U.S. Court of Appeals for the
Federal Circuit

U.S. District Court for the
Northern District of Illinois

Trial Bar of the U.S. District
Court for the Northern
District of Illinois

U.S. District Court for the
Eastern District of Michigan

Recognition

AV Preeminent® Peer Review
Rating, Martindale Hubbell

Named to the Illinois Super
Lawyers list for Intellectual
Property Law (2005–06,
2015–25)

Named a Leading Lawyer in
Illinois in Intellectual Property

- Has represented a family of industrial food-processing companies for almost 25 years, and leads the Fitch Even team representing them in all patent matters.
- Represents one of the paper industry's largest specialty paper companies for over 20 years, serving as lead counsel in several patent lawsuits and contested matters.
- Represented a telecommunications company in a series of patent infringement lawsuits.
- Successfully represented major automotive manufacturer, obtaining summary judgment of noninfringement and invalidity on multiple patents.
- Represented defense contractor at the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, obtaining affirmance of summary judgment.

Presentations + Publications

Presentations

- "So You Think You Know Patent Claims? Advanced Lessons in Patent Drafting and Analysis," Fitch Even Webinar, with Steven G. Parmelee, February 25, 2016.
- "Sweeping Changes in U.S. Patent Practice," Chuo University, Tokyo, Japan, April 22, 2014.
- "Hot Topics in Professional Responsibility: Inequitable Conduct in Patent Case," Chicago Bar Association, June 15, 2012.
- "Are You Liable for Your Customer's Infringement?" Fitch Even Webinar, June 9, 2011.
- Adjunct Professor, University of Illinois College of Law, Patent Defenses course (2011–14)

Law and Patent Law (2021–24)

Services

IP Portfolio Management

IP Strategy Development

IP Transactions

Product Clearance + Legal
Opinions

Industries

Biotechnology +
Pharmaceuticals

Chemicals + Chemical
Engineering

Computer Software +
Hardware

Electronics

Food + Agricultural Sciences

Internet + E-Commerce