

Associate

Ethan A. Tibbs etibbs@fitcheven.com 312.577.7000 Chicago, IL**Profile**

“From a young age I have always been interested in technology. Patent law allows me to assist brilliant inventors as they turn science fiction into reality.”

Ethan Tibbs is a registered patent attorney currently focusing his practice on patent preparation and prosecution, assisting clients across a range of industries such as medical devices, food products, biotechnology, software, and electronics. Ethan enjoys collaborating with inventors and companies to transform innovative ideas into valuable intellectual property assets.

Before attending law school, Ethan gained hands-on experience in the biotechnology industry, where he supported laboratory research and product development efforts. This technical background informs his approach to patent drafting and prosecution in the life sciences and related fields.

During law school, Ethan gained hands-on experience at the Chicago-Kent Patent Hub, where he conducted patentability searches and advised inventors on the early stages of the patent process. As Editor-in-Chief of the *Chicago-Kent Journal of Intellectual Property*, he developed a deep understanding of emerging IP issues while leading publication of scholarly research.

Representative Matters

- Drafts motions and reply briefs in patent litigation matters involving a variety of technologies.
- Prepares responses to Office Actions for medical devices, surgical instruments, and design patents.
- Assists in drafting and prosecuting nonprovisional and design patent

Education

J.D., Chicago-Kent College of Law, 2025

B.S., Biomedical Engineering, University of Alabama-Birmingham, 2015

Bar Admissions

Illinois

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

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

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

Services

IP Litigation

Patent Preparation + Prosecution

Industries

Biotechnology + Pharmaceuticals

Computer Software + Hardware

Electronics

Food + Agricultural Sciences

Internet + E-Commerce

Mechanical Engineering + Manufacturing

applications for consumer and food products.

- Conducts legal research and analysis to assess patentability, evaluate the viability of litigation claims, and address client questions related to agreements.