

Partner

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Profile

“A good patent strategy requires a firm grasp of the big picture and intense attention to the smallest of details. As a top-notch IP boutique firm, Fitch Even fulfills those requirements.”

Richard E. Wawrzyniak’s practice focus is on patent preparation, prosecution, and strategy for high-technology companies, assisting clients in the development, protection, and management of intellectual property rights in the electrical, software, Internet/e-commerce, and mechanical arts.

A variety of clients – ranging in size from startup companies to Fortune 500 corporations – rely on Rich for IP counsel in the electrical and software areas, most recently in the communications, networking, semiconductor, and video gaming spaces.

Rich has helped several startup companies develop and execute intellectual property strategies and then manage the patent portfolios that result. He has also been involved in patent litigation and has performed patent analysis and opinion work for licensing and other transactional matters.

His practical experience with IP began during college, when Rich worked as a student engineer with McDonnell Douglas Corporation. While in law school, he served as Associate Editor-in-Chief of the *Missouri Law Review*. After law school, Rich practiced patent law in the Bay Area for over eight years, preparing and prosecuting numerous domestic and international patent applications for Silicon Valley companies.

Representative Matters

- Represents a large global electronics company in preparing and filing numerous patent applications throughout the world directed to video gaming technologies.
- Represents a small computer networking company in prosecuting patent applications directed to a key technology.
- Represented a venture-funded optical communications start-up company in identifying a key technology for patent protection, preparing and filing numerous patent applications throughout the world, and managing the resulting patent portfolio.
- Represented a venture-funded wireless communications start-up company in identifying a key technology for patent protection, preparing and filing numerous patent applications throughout the world, and managing the resulting patent portfolio.
- Represented several startup companies in various Internet technology spaces in identifying a key technology and then preparing patent applications for the technology.

Education

J.D., University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law, 1991

B.S., Electrical Engineering, University of Missouri, Rolla, 1988, *summa cum laude*

Bar Admissions

California

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

California Supreme Court

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

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Services

International IP Protection

IP Portfolio Management

IP Strategy Development

Patent Preparation + Prosecution

Industries

Computer Software + Hardware

Electronics

Internet + E-Commerce

Mechanical Engineering + Manufacturing

Memberships

- San Diego County Bar Association
- San Diego Intellectual Property Law Association