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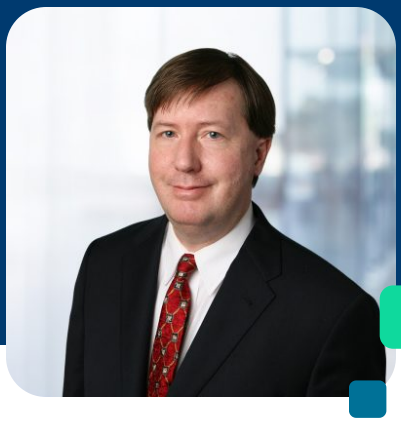

Profile

> **"The best part of practicing law is obtaining a successful result for the client, 'successful' meaning a favorable result achieved by the attorney-client team and executed in a way that doesn't break the client's bank."**

Timothy R. Baumann strives to provide clients with a full range of high-quality intellectual property services at a reasonable cost. He has extensive experience assisting clients in the acquisition, protection, and management of all forms of intellectual property, particularly through complex patent prosecution as well as through the preparation of infringement and validity opinions, reexamination proceedings, and patent licensing agreements.

Tim's substantial litigation experience includes motion practice, taking and defending depositions, discovery practice, and trial work.

Prior to joining Fitch Even, Tim worked as a design engineer at global avionics corporation Rockwell Collins in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and as a software engineer at leading telecom Motorola in Schaumburg, Illinois. Tim leverages this experience while advising clients involved in technologies including acoustic devices (microphones and receivers), automotive electronics, consumer electronics, medical devices, computer software, and power systems.

Representative Matters

- Represents a Fortune Global 500 electronics manufacturer in obtaining patent protection in complex software technologies.
- Represents a multinational automotive parts manufacturer in obtaining patent protection in various automobile-related technologies. Has also represented this manufacturer in post-grant proceedings at the USPTO.

Education

J.D., University of Illinois College of Law, 1995, *magna cum laude*

B.S., Electrical Engineering, Iowa State University, 1986

B.S., Computer Science, Iowa State University, 1986

Bar Admissions

Illinois

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

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

Services

International IP Protection

IP Portfolio Management

IP Strategy Development

IP Transactions

Patent Preparation + Prosecution

Product Clearance + Legal Opinions

PTAB Trial Practice

Reissue + Reexamination Proceedings

Industries

Artificial Intelligence

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- Represents a Fortune Global 500 retail corporation in obtaining patent protection in various software technologies.
- Represents a medical technology startup in obtaining patent protection in complex medical device and treatment methods.
- Represented a software development company in post-grant proceedings at the USPTO.
- Represented a software manufacturer in a patent infringement case involving complex software applications. Settlement was reached.

Computer Software + Hardware

Consumer Products + Packaging

Electronics

Mechanical Engineering + Manufacturing

Medical Devices + Diagnostics

Transportation

Presentations + Publications

Presentations

- "Navigating Continuations Under the USPTO's New Rules and Strategic Use of Terminal Disclaimers and Restrictions Practice," Fitch Even Webinar, with Jon A. Gibbons, July 29, 2025.
- "Back on Track?: Obtaining Software Patents Using New Patent Office Guidance," Fitch Even Webinar, with George N. Dandalides, March 20, 2019.
- "*Inter Partes* Reviews (IPRs): Lessons from the First Year," Fitch Even Webinar, October 24, 2013.

Publications

- Tim has written several articles that have appeared in various publications, including the *National Law Journal.*

Memberships

- Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago

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