

Patents

Larkin Hoffman's patent team advises clients on how to protect and leverage innovative ideas in the United States and around the world.

Our clients include individuals and start-up companies, as well as Fortune 500 corporations in a broad range of technologies and industries, including consumer electronics, consumer products, circuit board manufacturing and reworking processes, computer hardware and software, medical devices, agricultural and industrial equipment, manufacturing processes, food products and packaging, sports equipment, hunting, fishing and recreational products, as well as internet and ecommerce related business methods.


Many of our attorneys are registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Some are engineers or have advanced degrees in the sciences.

Our patent services include:

- Advising on whether an invention is patentable
- Devising strategies to protect your inventions in the U.S. and around the world;
- U.S., international, and foreign utility and design patent applications
- Advising on how to avoid or design-around competitors' patents
- Patent infringement opinions and patent validity opinions
- Determining scope of rights in an invention for purposes of acquisition, selling or financing
- Negotiating patent licenses and assignment agreements

Patent litigation

Our patent litigation team understands that protecting a client's valuable patent rights, technology, and products from third-party patents, is a part of a client's overall business strategy. Members of our team have the background and experience to understand the technology involved and complex legal issues that may arise.



We have experience at every stage of a patent infringement lawsuit and declaratory judgment action. We also have extensive experience in negotiating licensing agreements with favorable terms for our clients. We are battle tested at discovery, Markman, summary judgment, and trial.

Through filing, discovery, claim construction, trial, or on appeal to the Federal Circuit, we understand the challenges facing each type of company at the various stages of a patent infringement lawsuit. With this understanding and background, we strive to achieve the best results for our clients' business strategy - whether through favorable licensing, settlement or litigation.