

IP Transactions & Portfolio Management

Our lawyers have extensive experience in all aspects of intellectual property (IP) transactions, and apply their focused knowledge in a wide range of industries, including aerospace, defense contracting, health care, financial services, telecommunications, biotech, software, semiconductors, and electronics. Lawyers from our Corporate Group and Intellectual Property Group work together closely to structure, negotiate, and implement IP transactions involving patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets, know-how, and most other forms of intellectual property. Recognizing that some of our clients' most important assets are intellectual property, we combine our legal experience with technical knowledge and business acumen to provide the following types of IP transactional services:

- Computer software development and licensing arrangements
- Outsourcing agreements
- Patent, trademark, and copyright licensing arrangements
- Assignments of technology, know-how, and related intellectual property
- Data rights and data protection agreements
- Strategic alliances and joint development agreements
- Manufacturing agreements
- Marketing, reseller, and distribution agreements
- Research and development and collaborative research agreements

As a benefit of our close working relationship with the firm's Government Contracts Group, we have substantial knowledge and extensive experience with issues arising when licensing IP to governmental entities, including patent and technical data rights issues.

We also counsel our clients on the design and implementation of IP portfolio management procedures. This includes invention recordkeeping, intercompany invention reporting, patent incentive programs, patent reviews, proprietary information protection programs such as employee consulting, confidentiality, and invention agreements, trade secret protection practices and policies, employee exit procedures, "clean room" design-around procedures, and copyright maintenance, licensing, and enforcement programs. We also provide due diligence assessments of newly developed technologies and in connection with the acquisition of intellectual property.