

## Richard L. Kaiser

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### Overview

Rich has a strong track record in intellectual property law, specializing in all stages of the patenting process for mechanical arts and technologies. He helps clients build patent portfolios, avoid or invalidate competitor patents, and defend against infringement claims.

Through his extensive experience with utility and design patents, Rich has become a trusted, long-term business partner to producers and manufacturers. Rich works closely with clients, providing meaningful guidance on their U.S. and international patent strategies. Clients value his responsiveness as well as his practical, timely advice and rely on him to manage all their patent-related needs.

Rich's work is regularly honored by regional and national ranking organizations. He has been named a "Leader in The Field" by *Chambers USA* and named an "IP Star" by *Managing Intellectual Property* magazine.

Rich's intellectual property law practice is broad, including:

#### *Patent prosecution*

- Patentability searching, analysis and counseling
- Application preparation
- Application prosecution before relevant offices

#### *Infringement and validity analysis*

- Counseling clients toward non-infringing designs
- Preparation of non-infringement/invalidity opinions
- Monitoring competitive patent activity
- Counseling on enforcement of patent rights

#### *Post-grant proceedings*

- *Inter-partes* review proceedings
- Re-examination proceedings
- European opposition proceedings



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#### **Practices**

Intellectual Property  
Patent  
Post-Grant

- Litigation support in infringement cases

#### *Intellectual property agreements*

- Licensing
- Product development
- Confidentiality/Non-disclosure
- Consulting

## Experience

### **Fully integrated in strategic patenting decisions**

Several of Rich's clients rely on him to work directly with their legal and business teams in planning and executing the company's overall patent strategy. Rich regularly participates in executive patent review committee meetings, providing candid advice regarding the patentability of new inventions, the value and strategies of worldwide prosecution, and the ongoing maintenance of granted patents.

### **A key team member during patent disputes**

Rich's experience as a patent prosecutor makes him a key member of the client team during patent disputes. Working hand-in-hand with the litigation team, Rich helps strategize and execute on the various Patent Office proceedings that typically accompany infringement accusations and litigation. He has been an integral part of client teams assembled to invalidate patents through interference, ex parte reexamination, and *inter partes* review (IPR) proceedings.

### **Educating clients in the evolving world of patent law**

Since 1999, Rich has been leading the firm in its mission of keeping in-house and foreign patent counsel updated on major patent law changes. From the introduction of US patent application publication in 1999, to the sweeping changes instituted by the America Invents Act in 2012 and 2013, and through the ongoing development of law surrounding the new Post Grant Review proceedings, Rich has given webinars and other presentations aimed at conveying the firm's vast knowledge and understanding of the law to in-house and foreign counsel.

## Honors & Recognitions

- IP Stars, *Managing Intellectual Property* magazine, 2015-present
- Leading Intellectual Property Lawyer, *Chambers USA*, 2013-2014
- "Rising Stars" list by *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2006-2007
- IAM Patent 1000 – World's Leading Patent Practitioners, 2015-present
- IAM Strategy 300 - 2017-present

## Education

- University of Wisconsin Law School, Juris Doctor (J.D.), 1999; Order of the Coif



- Western Michigan University, Bachelor of Science (B.S.), *summa cum laude*, 1996; Mechanical Engineering

## Admissions

- United States Patent and Trademark Office
- Wisconsin

## Related News

### **NEWS**

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Seven Michael Best Attorneys Named 2021 IP Stars