

Seven Cozen O'Connor Intellectual Property Attorneys Recognized by IAM Patent 1000

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IAM Patent 1000 has named Frank Abramonte, Blake Coblentz, Thomas Fisher, Keith Fredlake, Jeffrey Gendzwill, Barry Golob, and Edward Weisz to their 2024 list. The practice was also recommended for patent prosecution in the Washington, D.C., metro area.

This was the second year the Patent Practice was named in the rankings. IAM Patent 1000 stated, "Cozen O'Connor fields an impressive roster that includes IP professionals well placed to handle patent services across the full range of client needs."

IAM Patent 1000 distinguished Thomas Fisher, Blake Coblentz, and Barry Golob as bronze individuals for litigation in the Washington, D.C., metro area. Additionally, Frank Abramonte was highly recommended for prosecution in Washington. Edward Weisz was recommended for prosecution in New York, and Keith Fredlake and Jeffrey Gendzwill were recommended for prosecution in the Washington, D.C., metro area.

Abramonte is co-chair of the firm's Patent Prosecution Practice and focuses on patent procurement and portfolio strategizing in electrical, software, electro-mechanical engineering, and medical device related technologies. In addition, he provides services in licensing, diligence exercises, and validity and infringement studies and opinions, as well as related litigation counseling. He counsels various businesses, from established public companies to early and late stage startup businesses.

Coblentz is the vice chair of the firm's Intellectual Property Department and co-chair of the Hatch-Waxman & Biologics Practice, focusing his practice on patent litigation and counseling for clients in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries. He is a registered patent attorney with deep subject-matter knowledge in the areas of biochemistry, molecular and cellular biology, gene synthesis, recombinant DNA technology, immunology, pharmaceuticals, therapeutic methods, diagnostic assays, and vaccines. He counsels pharmaceutical companies in the areas of Paragraph IV design strategies, Hatch-Waxman litigation, and biosimilar market opportunities. He represents patent owners and challengers in *inter partes* reviews before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board.

Fisher focuses his practice on complex electrical, mechanical, and computer software patent litigation. He is an experienced first-chair attorney with extensive experience in the federal district courts, in § 337 proceedings before the International Trade Commission, in post-grant review proceedings, including AIA proceedings before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and in appeals to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. His litigation experience includes matters directed to electrical and mechanical technologies such as software, encryption, GPS systems, micro-electro-mechanical systems (MEMS) technology, mechanical devices, medical devices, and aseptic packaging systems.

Fredlake is a registered patent attorney whose practice includes drafting and prosecuting patent applications; working with clients on design patents; and counseling clients on issues regarding the patentability of inventions, patent rights in foreign countries, and the infringement and validity of U.S. patents. He also regularly performs portfolio review for clients, including freedom-to-operate, invalidity, patentability, and opposition searches. He is also experienced in preparing invalidity and non-infringement options for utility and design patents. His clients are primarily in the chemical and life sciences industry, including chemistry, chemical engineering, oil and gas-petrochemicals, medical devices, and pharmaceuticals.

Related Practice Areas

- Hatch-Waxman & Biologics
- Intellectual Property
- Patents

Gendzwill is co-chair of the firm's Patent Prosecution Practice and a registered patent attorney who concentrates his practice on patent-related matters, focusing on client counseling, portfolio strategy and management, U.S. and foreign patent preparation/prosecution, and post-grant proceedings. His practice spans a wide range of technologies, focusing on the chemical and life sciences industry, including chemical engineering, chemistry, clean energy, and nutritional/pharmaceutical supplements, as well as mechanical and biomechanical engineering, nanotechnology, physics, composite materials, and medical devices. He also has extensive experience preparing complex patentability, invalidity, non-infringement, and freedom-to-operate opinions, as well as state-of-the-art analyses. He has represented multiple clients in offensive and defensive disputes before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board.

Golob is co-chair of the firm's Intellectual Property Litigation Practice and focuses his practice on complex patent litigation. He is an experienced first-chair trial attorney with extensive federal jury and bench trial experience, having tried numerous intellectual property cases to verdict. Although Barry has represented clients at all levels of litigation in various fields of technology, including computer software, medical devices, office furniture, the Internet, insurance, manufacturing, LEDs, and telecommunications, he focuses on consumer electronics and Hatch-Waxman litigation. He has participated in all aspects of alternative dispute resolution, including arbitrations and mediations, and has developed innovative approaches and strategies to resolve significant disputes to avoid costly litigation.

Weisz is co-chair of the firm's Patent Prosecution Practice and focuses on U.S. patent and trademark prosecution, counseling, and licensing. He prosecutes patent applications, renders legal opinions, and advises clients on infringement, due diligence, freedom to operate, and validity issues in the automotive, consumer products, packaging, medical devices, plumbing, fashion, and tabletop industries. With an eye toward geographic IP protection, he advises and assists clients on strategies for IP protection.

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The guide has been compiled following an extensive research process. Over five months, IAM conducted around 1,800 interviews with numerous attorneys at law, patent attorneys, and in-house counsel to gather market intelligence on the leading players in the field. Individuals qualify for a listing in the IAM Patent 1000 when they receive sufficient positive feedback from peers and clients with knowledge of their practice and the market within which they operate. Only those individuals identified by market sources for exceptional skill sets and profound insights into patent matters are featured in the IAM Patent 1000.

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