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Companies that rely on innovation and technology as a major part of their business invest an immense amount of time and capital in their technology and branding to bring products to market. Innovative companies need to be confident that their intellectual property investments are protected. Zach helps companies protect these investments by quickly and decisively resolving disputes with competitors and building a company's IP portfolio.

Zach has a wide range of litigation experience, securing favorable outcomes for companies in patent, trademark, and trade dress disputes relating to a variety of industries and technological areas such as semiconductors, solar power conversion, batteries, signal processing, medical devices, software, and merchandise display systems. He has also helped companies protect their innovations by invalidating competitor patents in inter partes review and other post-issuance proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board.

Zach also counsels companies to develop robust IP programs, including developing patent portfolios, providing patentability analysis, and analyzing competitor IP portfolios. He has counseled companies and prosecuted patents in a variety of industries and technological areas such as consumer electronics, business methods, and software.

Prior to law school, Zach worked as a process engineer for a global semiconductor manufacturer in the research and development manufacturing lab.

Zach is also the co-chair of the pro bono committee and regularly provides pro bono representation, including for clients seeking asylum, fighting eviction from subsidized housing, and appealing determinations made by child services.

When he is not practicing law, Zach is tending to his Chicago cidery that he started with three friends.

## Education

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University of Utah  
2006, B.S., Electrical Engineering, B.A., Jazz Performance  
  
Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law  
2012, J.D.

## Admissions

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### **Bar Admissions**

2012, Illinois

### **Court Admissions**

Supreme Court of Illinois  
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois  
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas

## Practices

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Counseling, Opinions + Licensing  
Counterfeit Goods Seizure  
Design Patents  
Jury Trials  
Litigation  
Patent Interferences  
PTAB Litigation  
Patent Prosecution  
Trade Dress  
Trade Secrets  
Trademarks

## Industries

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Electrical + Computer Technologies  
Internet, E-Commerce + Business Methods  
Life Sciences + Pharmaceuticals  
Medical Devices

## Affiliations/Memberships

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Member, American Bar Association  
Member, American Intellectual Property Law Association  
Member, Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago  
Member, PTAB Bar Association

## Recent News + Events + Related Publications

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### **NEWS - 10.14.24**

**PTAB Highlights | Takeaways from Recent Decisions in Post-Issuance Proceedings**

### **NEWS - 03.21.24**

**PTAB Highlights | Takeaways from Recent Decisions in Post-Issuance Proceedings**

### **NEWS - 09.18.23**

**PTAB Highlights | Takeaways from Recent Decisions in Post-Issuance Proceedings**

### **NEWS - 07.12.23**

**PTAB Highlights | Takeaways from Recent Decisions in Post-Issuance Proceedings**

### **NEWS - 02.07.23**

**PTAB Highlights | Takeaways from Recent Decisions in Post-Issuance Proceedings**

### **NEWS - 10.24.22**

**Banner Witcoff Celebrates National Pro Bono Week October 23-29, 2022**