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OVERVIEW

David Easwaran is a partner and a member of the IP Procurement and Portfolio Management practice group. His practice focuses on IP counseling for clients of all types, from universities and emerging startups, to some of the largest companies in the world. He brings a valuable understanding of the patent questions affecting software innovation, having worked on these issues from a variety of perspectives in private practice, in-house, and even as a patent examiner. With his diverse experience in the IP field, David offers his clients practical guidance to capture the economic value of their innovations while mitigating the risks posed by third party IP. David has particularly rich experience in the financial services sector, having previously focused on financial services innovation as a patent examiner and as in-house IP counsel in the industry.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, David spent many years practicing at other multinational law firms, where he focused on patent preparation, prosecution, and contentious matters relating to innovations in a wide range of industries including software, telecommunications, electronics, bioinformatics, cleantech, quantum computing, and many others. He brings to bear a well-rounded background, having started his IP career as a patent examiner at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and later working as in-house IP counsel at one of the largest multinational banks.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Patent Law in Charlotte, 2024-2025
- Listed as a leader in North Carolina IP Litigation by the IAM Patent 1000, 2023-2024
- Recognized by the North Carolina Pro Bono Honor Society, 2021

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Intellectual Property Owner's association (IPO) (Member, 2013-present)

- IPO U.S. Patent Office Practice Committee (Co-Chair, 2020; Vice Chair, 2021-present)

EDUCATION

- J.D., The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, 2007
- B.S., University of Rochester, 2004 *(Computer Science)*

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of North Carolina
- Bar of Virginia
- United States Patent and Trademark Office

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 4 April 2025, Detailed Guidance on New USPTO IDS Size Fees

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Co-Author, "Financial Institutions Face Fork in Patent Road," *IP Watchdog*, 28 October 2021

NEWS & EVENTS

- 2 June 2026, K&L Gates IP Practice and Lawyers Recognized in 2026 Edition of IAM Patent 1000
- 6 June 2025, K&L Gates' IP Practice, Lawyers Recognized Among Leaders in 2025 Edition of IAM Patent 1000
- 7 November 2024 - 10 November 2024, 2024 NAPABA Convention, Hosted by National Asian Pacific American Bar Association
- 10 June 2024, K&L Gates' IP Practice, Lawyers Recognized Among Leaders in 2024 Edition of IAM Patent 1000
- 18 September 2023, K&L Gates Advises Foro Holdings, Inc., on Acquisition of Citi's Bridge Platform and Related Capital Investment
- 1 August 2023, K&L Gates Intellectual Property Practice Listed Among Leaders in 2023 IAM Patent 1000 Rankings
- 12 July 2023, K&L Gates Bolsters Intellectual Property Practice With Addition of Charlotte Partner and Multi-Office Team

AREAS OF FOCUS

- IP Procurement and Portfolio Management
- IP Litigation

INDUSTRIES

- Financial Services