

Sam F. Breeze

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OVERVIEW

Sam Breeze is a partner in the firm's IP Procurement and Portfolio Management practice group. He focuses exclusively on design protection and global design portfolio strategy, helping Fortune 500 companies and innovative startups protect the visual features that distinguish their products in the marketplace.

Over the past decade, Sam has helped clients secure more than 10,000 US design patents and foreign design registrations. He develops and implements global protection strategies that align intellectual property rights with broader business, branding, and product development objectives.

Sam advises clients across a wide range of industries, including consumer electronics, cameras, smart devices, speakers, medical devices, sports equipment, automotive products, apparel, footwear, and graphical user interfaces. His practice encompasses all aspects of design protection, from portfolio development and international filing strategies to enforcement and counseling on broader intellectual property considerations.

He has extensive experience managing international design portfolios and advising clients on design protection around the world, including filings under The Hague System. He also has experience protecting innovations in the life sciences sector, including medical devices and biomechanical technologies.

Known for his practical and business-focused approach, Sam helps clients identify opportunities to strengthen and layer protection across their intellectual property portfolios. He delivers concise, actionable guidance that enables clients to protect product designs and maintain a competitive advantage in global markets.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Before joining the firm, Sam led the design practice group at a national law firm, where he advised some of the world's leading innovators on strategies for protecting product designs and strengthening brand value through intellectual property.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized by *The Legal 500 United States* as a Recommended Lawyer for Patents: Litigation (Full Coverage), 2026

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Industrial Designers Society of America, Member
- International Trademark Association, Member
- Intellectual Property Owners Association, Member
- IPO Industrial Designs Committee, Member

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, “Proof of Creation and Ownership”, MARQUES Product Design Symposium, Frankfurt, 29 January 2026

EDUCATION

- J.D., Gonzaga University School of Law, 2011
- B.S., Portland State University, 2007

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Oregon
- Bar of Washington
- United States Patent and Trademark Office

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 7 March 2026, US Design Patents and ITC Enforcement: Are Design Patents the Most Interesting Intellectual Property Asset in ITC Investigations?

NEWS & EVENTS

- 13 February 2025, K&L Gates Continues IP Practice Growth With Seattle Partner Addition

AREAS OF FOCUS

- IP Procurement and Portfolio Management

INDUSTRIES

- Apparel and Footwear

- Automotive
- Consumer Electronics
- Consumer Goods and Services
- Healthcare
- Household Goods
- Lab, Pharmacy, and Durable Medical Equipment
- Luxury Products and Fashion
- Manufacturing
- Technology
- Video Games and Immersive Technology