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OVERVIEW

James Shimota is a partner at the firm. He is first chair litigator and a member of the IP Litigation practice group.

Prior to joining the firm, James served as a partner at an international corporate law firm where he concentrated in post-issuance patent practice. He has worked with a myriad of technologies including medical devices, automotive safety systems, LED lighting, financial services products, multiple aspects of cellular and smartphone technology, semiconductors including memory products, fiber optic amplifiers, DNA arrays, HIV drugs, alkaline batteries, and more. He also has extensive experience before judges and juries in federal courts across the country, as well as the United States International Trade Commission and arbitration panels.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Litigation - Patent in Chicago, 2023-2024
- Listed as a leader in Illinois Patent Litigation and Prosecution in *IAM Patent 1000*, 2021-present
- Managed global licensing campaign for technology company including acting as lead counsel in litigation
- Obtained ruling of infringement and validity on behalf of a Fortune 50 company against a Fortune 50 rival
- Secured defense verdict for medical device manufacturer in three week jury trial in District of Massachusetts
- Won ruling of no liability in International Arbitration patent infringement case involving large Japanese semiconductor manufacturer
- Consistently assist startups in developing early patent strategy for later licensing

EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Chemical Engineering, University of Michigan, 1996
- J.D., University of Michigan Law School, 1999

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Illinois

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
- 10 June 2024, K&L Gates' IP Practice, Lawyers Recognized Among Leaders in 2024 Edition of IAM Patent 1000
- 1 August 2023, K&L Gates Intellectual Property Practice Listed Among Leaders in 2023 IAM Patent 1000 Rankings
- 18 August 2022, More Than 350 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2023 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch
- 11 July 2022, K&L Gates Intellectual Property Practice Recognized Among Leaders in 2022 IAM Patent 1000 Rankings
- 12 August 2021, K&L Gates Intellectual Property Practice Again Ranked Among Leaders in 2021 IAM Patent 1000
- 2 April 2020, K&L Gates Boosts Chicago Office with IP Litigation Partner Addition

AREAS OF FOCUS

- IP Litigation

INDUSTRIES

- Consumer Electronics
- Consumer Goods and Services