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Overview

Grace Kim maintains a broad practice, helping new and emerging companies as well as global brands obtain patents and build and leverage their patent portfolios.

Grace helps clients secure strong patents for wide-ranging inventions, including medical devices, energy, and chemical innovations, as well as electrical and computer technologies, including consumer electronics. She has a particular interest in the life sciences, and her extensive post-grant practice includes representing many life science clients in *inter partes* reviews and other post-grant proceedings. Additionally, Grace conducts patent clearance investigations, patentability analysis, and due diligence investigations, and her patent work spans both utility and design patents.

With a deep-seated personal commitment to climate innovation technology and its critical role in building a more sustainable future, Grace has extensive experience in developing intellectual property protection for her clients' innovations in this space, from rechargeable batteries and alternative energy sources to sustainable alternatives for consumer products.

Grace builds trusting relationships with clients, working with them in managing their patent portfolios and leveraging them to their full advantage. In advising clients, she crafts cost-effective strategies tailored to maximize the value of each invention, manage risk, and position the client for success. Clients know they can rely on her knowledge and experience to guide them in the right direction to accomplish their goals.

Before becoming a lawyer, Grace earned degrees in chemical and mechanical engineering. She had a successful career as an R&D engineering manager for Boston Scientific, where she gained firsthand experience in research and product development, clinical trials, FDA approvals, and the many other challenges, constraints, and pressures involved in protecting innovations and bringing products to market. With this skill set, she advises clients on their innovations from technical, legal, and business standpoints, taking them from ideation through patent prosecution, research, development, clinical trials stages, and bringing their products to market.

Grace is actively engaged in a number of pro bono representations. These include securing behavioral modification software patents for a teacher striving to help struggling inner-city students succeed in school and helping at-risk people flee Afghanistan, obtain humanitarian parole and visas, and find safety in the United States.

When she's not working, Grace loves to go camping with her husband and two young sons near Lake Superior. It's an opportunity to relax, appreciate nature, and see the world through her children's eyes.

Recognitions & awards

Ones to Watch

Best Lawyers 2022-2025

Women Worth Watching in STEM

Profiles in Diversity Journal 2023

Attorney of the Year

Minnesota Lawyer 2022

Up and Coming Attorney

Minnesota Lawyer 2021

Top 50 Women in PTAB Trials

PTAB Bar Association 2021

Pro Bono Achievement Award

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) 2020

Professional associations

Minnesota Asian Pacific American Bar Association

- Treasurer (2019-2021)
- Vice President of Public Relations (2018)

PTAB Bar Association, Chair, Committee on Appeals to the PTAB (2023-Present)

Pro bono activities

International Legal Foundation (ILF) - Volunteer lawyer helping refugees in at-risk countries secure visas and find safety in the U.S.

Insights

Blog | December 4, 2024

Director Review Spotlight: Expert Testimony

Webinar | January 17, 2024

Post-Grant 2023 Year in Review

Webinar | June 14, 2023

Design Patents at the PTAB

Webinar | March 23, 2023

The Basics of Design Patents

Article | May 4, 2022

How to Succeed in Design Patent Cases at the PTAB

Post-Grant Report | February 5, 2020

2019 Post-Grant Annual Report

News

August 15, 2024

101 Fish Attorneys Included in the 2025 Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*

August 17, 2023

101 Fish Attorneys Included in the 2024 Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*

July 5, 2023

Two Fish & Richardson Principals Named 2023 "Women Worth Watching in STEM" by *Profiles in Diversity Journal*

January 13, 2023

Fish & Richardson Principals Honored as 2022 Attorneys of the Year by *Minnesota Lawyer*

August 22, 2022

96 Fish Attorneys Included in the 2023 Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*

August 19, 2021

Fish Attorneys Recognized in 2022 Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*

July 22, 2021

Fish & Richardson Firm Members Named 2021 Up and Coming Attorneys and Unsung Legal Heroes

May 27, 2021

Fish & Richardson Attorneys Named Recipients of the 2020 Patent Pro Bono Achievement Certificate

January 5, 2021

Fish & Richardson Elevates Its Most Diverse Principal Class Ever

Services

Post-Grant

Inter Partes Review

Post-Grant Review

Patent

Patent Prosecution

Strategic Patent Counseling & Opinions

Patent Portfolio Management

Industries

Electrical & Computer Technology

Consumer Electronics

Energy & Chemicals

Cleantech

Life Sciences

Medical Devices

Admissions

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (2013)

Minnesota (2013)

Education

J.D. *cum laude*, William Mitchell College of Law (2013)

M.S., Mechanical Engineering, University of Minnesota (2008)

B.S., Chemical Engineering, University of Minnesota (1999)
