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Overview

Roberto Devoto maintains a broad practice covering patent prosecution, post-grant proceedings, client counseling, and helping clients establish and grow their patent portfolios.

Roberto helps clients at every stage, first by ensuring patent protection for their innovations and then strategizing with them to maximize their intellectual property value and competitive advantage while mitigating risk. Representing Fortune 100 companies as well as startups and emerging entities, Roberto advises and guides clients in designing and implementing procedures to protect intellectual capital and in formulating company-wide IP strategies and policies.

He prepares freedom to operate, patentability, validity, and infringement opinion letters, and conducts portfolio and due diligence analyses. He also represents clients in post-grant proceedings, including *inter partes* review proceedings, before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board.

Roberto is experienced in diverse technologies from wide-ranging software-related innovations to business methods, semiconductor device processing, medical devices, microprocessor architectures, video and audio compression, and encoding. He also is exceptionally experienced in telecommunications technologies, including Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) technologies, satellite communications, Interactive Voice Response and contact center communications technologies, and wireless communications technologies.

After graduating number one in his class in electrical engineering at the University of Michigan in 1993, Roberto earned a master's degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1996 and a law degree from Harvard University in 1999, where he graduated with honors. His graduate work at MIT focused on semiconductor device processing with an emphasis on micromachining technologies.

Before beginning his legal career, Roberto worked as a management consultant at McKinsey & Co., where he specialized in the telecommunications industry and co-authored an industry analysis report on the long-haul data communications industry titled "Backbone! How Changes in Technology and the Rise of IP Threaten to Disrupt the Long-Haul Telecom Services Industry." Roberto is also an inventor of U.S. Patent 6,987,847, entitled Communication Device Monitoring.

Recognitions & awards

Top PTAB Practitioner

Managing Intellectual Property (MIP) 2017-2018

Insights

Post-Grant Report | January 1, 2019
2018 Post-Grant Annual Report

Webinar | December 18, 2018
Post-Grant for Practitioners | Recent Developments in RPI/Privity

News

August 24, 2020
Fish & Richardson Ranked #1 PTAB Law Firm in the U.S. for First Half of 2020 by *Managing Intellectual Property*

February 26, 2019
Fish & Richardson Named Top PTAB Firm of 2018 by *Managing Intellectual Property*

August 10, 2018
Fish & Richardson Ranked Top Firm for Petitioners at the PTAB by *Managing Intellectual Property*

January 19, 2018
Fish & Richardson Named #1 PTAB Law Firm in the U.S. for 2017 by *Managing Intellectual Property Magazine*

Services

Patent Prosecution
Patent
Post-Grant

Industries

Software & Internet
Hardware
Medical Devices
Telecommunications
Semiconductors
Transportation, Aerospace & Defense
Electrical & Computer Technology

Admissions

Michigan (2002)
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (2004)
District of Columbia (2004)

Languages

English
Spanish

Education

J.D. *cum laude*, Harvard Law School (1999)
M.S., Electrical Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1996)
B.S. *summa cum laude*, Electrical Engineering, University of Michigan (1993)
