Richard LaCava

PARTNER AND PATENT PRACTICE CO-LEADER

Rich provides strategic intellectual property counseling to technology, engineering, and manufacturing companies across the globe.



Industries

Consumer Products
Life Sciences

Practices

Complex Litigation
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Asia
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Education

Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center, JD, 1997

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The focus of Rich's legal advice is on understanding your business, your industry, your goals, and where you headed in the future — and using that insight to solve challenges creatively and efficiently. Rich's unique technical and diverse legal experiences allow him to help clients "see around corners" and protect and exploit their assets in ways that fit within their evolving business plan and budget. Rich is a *Chambers USA* ranked and recommended patent attorney for his "reliable advice" and "customer-focused" approach. Rich is the Patent Practice Leader for ArentFox Schiff's IP group – more than 60 attorneys and IP professionals.

Rich's diverse practice and vast experience ranges in technology areas from mechanical, software, AI, semiconductors, ceramic materials, polymers, textiles, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, medical devices, automotive, financial business methods, and fashion/footwear. Rich also provides counseling on trademark and copyright procurement and enforcement for a full 360° IP approach to your portfolio. In addition, Rich has handled hundreds of IP license, joint development, manufacturing and distribution agreements, and handled the IP due diligence in M&A transactions ranging in size from multiple millions to multiple billions of dollars. As a former packaging engineer and patent attorney at a leading cosmetic company, Rich has particular proficiency with issues involving packaging and materials engineering and understands the unique issues that in-house counsel are facing. Having also lived and worked in Japan, Rich understands that advice needs to also take cross-border issues into account.

All of this combined experience allows Rich to provide relevant present day advice that assists clients in moving forward.

Previous Work

Prior to joining ArentFox Schiff, Rich was a partner at Dickstein Shapiro.

Awards and Recognitions

Rich has been recognized as a recommended attorney by *Legal 500* in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019, 2020,

2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 in the area of Patent. He was selected for Super Lawyers in 2024 and 2025. Rich has also been recognized as a leader in his field for Intellectual Property: Patent Prosecution by *Chambers USA* in 2016, 2017, and 2018.

Professional Activities

Rich is a member of the American Bar Association, Intellectual Property Law Section; and a former member of the New York State Bar Association, Intellectual Property Law Section; and the American Intellectual Property Law Association. He is also a former co-chair of the Patent Committee of the New York State Bar Association, Intellectual Property Law Section.

Bar Admissions

New York
US Patent and Trademark Office

Court Admissions

US District Court, Eastern District of New York
US Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
US Court of Federal Claims
Supreme Court of the United States
US District Court, Southern District of New York