



C. Alex Shank

Associate

Combining technical aptitude with legal advocacy to maximize value for clients facing their most challenging patent obstacles

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Admissions

California
Northern District of California District
of Columbia
US Patent and Trademark Office US
Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit US
Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit

Education

Harvard Law School,
JD, 2015

Harvard University,
AM, Chemistry & Chemical Biology,
2011

Emory University,
BS, Chemistry, 2008
BA, English, 2008

C. Alex Shank focuses his practice on complex due-diligence investigations, freedom-to-operate analyses, pre-litigation strategy, and prosecution. He leverages his background as a patent litigator and Federal Circuit clerk to identify opportunities and issues in securing and challenging patents, and to manage patent portfolios and IP life cycles more broadly. To date, Alex's life-sciences patent experience spans treatments for pain, diabetes, high cholesterol, Parkinson's Disease, multiple sclerosis, ocular hypertension, mesothelioma, and HIV, as well as heart-implant devices, medical-imaging techniques, drug-delivery vehicles, and antibody drugs, among other technologies. For Alex's strategic, sophisticated, and efficient patent advocacy, Super Lawyers named him a Rising Star, and Best Lawyers named him One to Watch.

Alex previously honed his legal and technical advocacy as a patent litigator at Kirkland & Ellis LLP and as a clerk for the Honorable Richard Taranto at the Federal Circuit. He has represented patent owners and challengers before the Federal Circuit, district courts, the International Trade Commission, and the Patent Trial and Appeal Board. His extensive appellate experience includes authoring more than 40 briefs in Federal Circuit and Supreme Court matters, including appeals from Hatch-Waxman and BPCIA trials. Alex has argued at *Markman* and discovery hearings, deposed and defended corporate and expert witnesses, and drafted motions to dismiss, transfer, stay, and compel; motions for a preliminary injunction and summary judgment; *Markman* and post-trial briefs; and *inter partes* and post-grant review petitions, responses, expert reports, and other pleadings.

Recognition

2021-2022 Ones to Watch, Best Lawyers
2019-2022 Rising Star, Super Lawyers

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Selected Publications

“Butyrophenone on O-TiO₂(110): One-Dimensional Motion in a Weakly-Confined Potential Well,” ACS Nano 6(4): 2925-2930 (2012) (coauthor).

“Ab Initio and Hybrid Potential Energy Surfaces, Intramolecular Vibrational Energies, and Classical IR Spectrum of the Water Dimer,” Journal of Chemical Physics 130:144314, (2009) (coauthor)