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## Frances Zhang

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Frances Zhang is an associate in the Intellectual Property Practice Group in the firm's Washington, D.C. office.

#### **Areas of Practice**

Frances is an intellectual property litigator focusing on patent cases in the technology space. Her practice spans a wide array of technologies, including wireless communication standards, consumer electronics, artificial intelligence, operating systems, cloud computing, semiconductors, and biomedical and mechanical devices.

Frances has successfully litigated cases through trial in federal district courts, the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB), the International Trade Commission (ITC), and on appeal before the Federal Circuit. She has successfully argued in court at both the trial and appellate levels, taken and defended fact and expert depositions, and drafted dispositive motions that secured favorable early resolutions for her clients.

Frances clerked for Judge Raymond T. Chen of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. She graduated from Harvard Law School, during which she worked part-time as a technical advisor for another international law firm and tried criminal cases as a student prosecutor in the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office in Boston.

Before law school, Frances earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees in Computer Science from MIT. As a student, her research into data privacy practices of popular smartphone apps was featured in numerous news outlets, such as the Boston Globe. She is also the first named inventor on a patent related to speech recognition technology.

#### **Practices**

**Appellate** 

Copyrights

Intellectual Property

International Trade Commission (ITC)

**Patent Litigation** 

**Post-Grant Proceedings** 

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### Education

J.D., Harvard Law School, 2018, Dean's Scholar Prize in Patent Trial Advocacy

M.Eng. (Electrical Engineering and Computer Science), Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2012, Siebel Scholar

S.B. (Computer Science), Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2011, Tau Beta Pi, Google Anita Borg Scholar

### **Clerkships**

Honorable Raymond T. Chen, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (2018 - 2019)

### **Admissions**

District of Columbia

California

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office