

# David S. Kim

## PARTNER

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With an entrepreneurial flair and a background in systems engineering and e-commerce, David thrives on guiding clients through complex legal issues, identifying business opportunities, and protecting their IP.

David draws on his experience as an IP lawyer to help clients build and manage their IP portfolios across a broad range of industries while mitigating risks. He advises on IP and technology-related issues across the broad spectrum of litigation and business law, with a focus on obtaining patents for technology, manufacturing and consumer goods companies. A former patent examiner, he offers a unique perspective to strategically direct prosecution to cover competitor products, develop licensing opportunities and strengthen enforceability.

In-house counsel and inventors rely on David to guide them through product design and development, facilitate invention harvesting exercises, and identify whitespace for forward-looking innovations. David also negotiates IP and technology-related agreements, provides technical guidance and conducts due diligence to support evolving business demands.

## EXPERIENCE

David has extensive experience managing patent and trademark portfolios across a broad range of industries, including high-tech, finance, transportation, health care, and sports and recreation.

## PRACTICES & INDUSTRIES

- Patent Preparation & Prosecution
- Intellectual Property & Technology
- Artificial Intelligence
- Children's Products
- Electrical & Electronics
- Esports, Sports Technology & Wagering
- IP & Technology M&A Due Diligence
- IP & Technology Transactions
- Mechanical
- Post-Grant Proceedings
- Software & Computer Systems
- Sports & Recreation
- Telecommunications
- Unmanned Aircraft Systems & Autonomous Vehicles

## ADMISSIONS

- Missouri
- Virginia

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## David S. Kim

He has helped clients procure hundreds of patents in the computer, electrical and mechanical arts encompassing cutting-edge technologies such as augmented reality and virtual reality applications, artificial intelligence, advanced robotics and automation systems, semiconductor manufacturing, medical devices, and autonomous vehicles. He analyzes invention disclosures, prototypes and commercial products to render opinions on patentability, trademark, freedom-to-operate, infringement and validity.

David was appointed as a 2015 Leadership Council on Legal Diversity Fellow, which identifies high-potential attorneys from diverse backgrounds. LCLD is an organization of more than 220 corporate chief legal officers and attorneys who have dedicated themselves to creating a truly diverse U.S. legal profession.

Further nurturing leadership skills and his commitment to diversity, David mentors through the Capital Innovators program, participates in the Regional Business Council's Young Professionals Network, Leadership 100, and is active in the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, including as Central Regional Governor in 2013-2014.

An adjunct professor at Southwestern Illinois College, David teaches upper-level courses on intellectual property and business law. He frequently presents on IP and patent issues, with a focus on emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence.

### RECOGNITIONS

Top 100 St. Louisans to Know to Succeed in Business, *St. Louis Small Business Monthly*, 2024

Best IP Attorneys, *St. Louis Small Business Monthly*, 2023

### PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC ACTIVITIES

Capital Innovators, Mentor, 2013-Present

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

### EDUCATION

The George Washington University Law School, J.D.

University of Missouri-Columbia, B.S.,  
Industrial and Manufacturing Systems  
Engineering

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Missouri Asian American Bar Association, Board Member, 2009-Present

Regional Business Council's Young Professionals Network, Leadership 100, 2014-Present

St. Louis Sports Commission, Associate, 2012-Present

National Asian Pacific American Bar Association

- Central Regional Governor, 2013-2014
- Annual Convention Host Committee Co-Chair, 2012-2013

### NEWS

David Kim Analyzes AI's Impact on Copyright and Fair Use in ACC St. Louis Newsletter  
05.16.2024

*St. Louis Small Business Monthly* Selects David S. Kim to Top 100 List  
04.03.2024

Stinson's IP Attorneys Examine USPTO Guidance on AI, Patentability and Inventorship in *IPWatchdog* Article  
02.23.2024

Robert Bain, David Kim Named to "Best IP Attorneys" by *St. Louis Small Business Monthly*  
01.11.2023

152 Stinson Attorneys Selected to the 2023 *Best Lawyers in America* List  
08.18.2022

### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"How COVID-19 is Changing Technology," Stinson LLP Webinar, February 2021

"How COVID-19 is Changing Technology, Sports and the Law," Association of Corporate Counsel Webinar, September 11, 2020

"Fast Data and Sports: How Sports Data is Reshaping How We Look at the World," MCCA Global Tec Forum, April 2019

"AI and the Law," Missouri Bar's 2018 lex | Port Tech Conference, October 2018

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"Artificial Intelligence and the Law," Missouri Bar's Spring 2018 Mini Law School Program, March/April 2018

"Rise of the Machines: The Next Generation of Data Modeling," MCCA Global Tec Forum, April 2018

Co-Presenter, "Intellectual Property and the Juvenile Products Industry," JPMA Baby Show, March 2018

Co-Presenter "Caveat Emptor: The Need to Conduct IP Due Diligence," Association of Corporate Counsel St. Louis Chapter CLE, June 2017

Moderator, "Looking through the Clouds to Catch the Rain: Discussing Powerful Tools and Different Approaches to Relationship Building," National Asian Pacific American Bar Association Central Regional Conference, St. Louis, MO, August 2017

"Light and Shadow – the Evolving Interplay between Patents and Trade Secrets," National Asian Pacific American Bar Association Annual Convention, San Diego, CA, November 2016

"Rising Waters: Practical Tips on Making It Rain," National Asian Pacific American Bar Association Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA, November 2015

"Practical Considerations for a Corporate IP Department," Minority In-House Counsel Association Conference, Chicago, IL, September 2015

AI in Design & Construction

07.17.2024

The Impact of AI in the Legal World

Stinson LLP, 05.01.2024

GRC Roundtable - St. Louis

Generative AI Risk and Rewards

St. Louis Club, 10.11.2023

Intersection of Business, Law & Technology Seminar

The Ritz-Carlton St. Louis, 11.15.2022

Business Law Update

03.03.2022

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## PUBLICATIONS

"Generative AI and Fair Use: Lessons from Pop Artists," ACC St. Louis, May 2024

"Digging Into the USPTO's AI Guidance: Adjusting Practices to Capture Human Contribution,"  
*IPWatchdog*, February 2024

Generative AI

10.04.2023

Meta Bags: NFT Complications and Considerations for Traditional Brand Owners

09.23.2022

Show Me the Tokens - Using Cryptographic Tokens to Activate Fans

04.12.2022

What's Loot Got to do With It?

11.11.2020

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