

AMIT B. PATEL, Associate

Amit B. Patel is an associate in the firm's Complex Commercial Litigation and Patent Litigation and Counseling Practices, with substantial experience in state and federal courts throughout the United States.

Amit has represented a variety of clients, including private and public companies, non-profit institutions and quasi-governmental entities in their most critical business disputes. He has helped clients litigate individual and class action claims under federal statutes such as the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO), the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), the Commodity Exchange Act and the Lanham Act, along with state-law contract, fraud, trade secret, unfair competition and shareholder derivative claims.

His previous career as an engineer and information technology professional uniquely enables him to help clients navigate through highly technical issues that can arise in litigation, whether they involve coordination of client IT personnel to collect and preserve electronically stored information (ESI), computation of damages in connection with financial products, or the examination of complex technology in a patent or trade secret matter. Clients engaged in transactions also rely on his combination of legal and technical experience for counsel in evaluating future litigation risks.

Working across a wide range of complex technologies, Amit has successfully handled matters involving wireless communications (cellular, 4G, 5G), cloud-based messaging systems, mobile devices, streaming media, banking payments, medical imaging, anti-virus and data security, among many. He has also served clients on trade secrets disputes and worked with clients on sophisticated aerospace technology issues.

Amit's recent pro bono work includes the defense of a client charged with first-degree murder and the representation of a prisoner-plaintiff in an action under the federal Civil Rights Act, helping both clients achieve favorable results on the eve of trial. As a member of the South Asian Bar Association of Chicago, Amit also volunteers with the association's Pro Bono Legal Clinic to provide free legal advice to low-income members of Chicago's South Asian community.

Awards

- *Legal 500*
Trade Secrets (Litigation and Non-Contentious Matters), 2021

Service to the Bar

- Chicago Bar Association
Member
- South Asian Bar Association of Chicago
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PRACTICE GROUPS

Class Action
Complex Commercial Litigation
Data Privacy and Cybersecurity
Financial Services Litigation
Litigation
Patent Litigation and Counseling
Trade Secrets and Restrictive Covenants

EDUCATION

Northwestern University School of Law, JD, 2012; *cum laude*; Dean's List; Production Editor, Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology

Cornell University, College of Engineering, BS, 2005; Dean's List

ADMISSIONS

Illinois, 2012

COURT ADMISSIONS

US District Court, Northern District of Illinois, 2012

US District Court, Eastern District of Texas, 2015

Publications

- *The American College of Trial Lawyers Handbook of Electronic Evidence*, Bloomberg Industry Group, February 10, 2022
- Co-Author, Client Alert: Jenner & Block Releases New Treatise on Civil RICO Litigation, July 6, 2021
- Co-Author, Client Alert: Illinois Seeks to Expand Restrictions on Non-Competes, June 14, 2021
- Trade Secret Update: Key Developments and Issues to Watch in Trade Secret Law | Spring 2021 Update, March 24, 2021
- Co-Author, *Summary of Covenants Not to Compete: A Global Perspective*, American Bar Association, August 6, 2020
- Co-Author, Client Alert: An Update on the State of Litigation Under COVID-19, April 20, 2020
- Co-Author, Client Alert: Safeguarding Company Trade Secrets in a “Work from Home” Environment, April 15, 2020
- Co-Author, Client Alert: The State of Litigation Under COVID-19, April 1, 2020
- Client Alert, Co-Author, "FTC May Wade into Enforceability of Non-Compete Agreements", January 16, 2020
- Co-Author, INSIGHT: Exclusive Benefit – An Analysis of PBMs as Potential ERISA Fiduciaries, *Bloomberg Law*, October 4, 2019
- Co-Author, “Employers Take Note: State AGs Urge FTC to Step Up Scrutiny of Employee Restrictions,” New York University’s *Compliance and Enforcement* blog, August 9, 2019
- Co-Author, Client Alert: "Employers Take Note: State AGs Urge FTC to Step Up Scrutiny of Employee Restrictions", August 1, 2019
- Co-Author, Client Alert: "Government and Private Challenges to Worker Restrictions Continue", June 6, 2019
- Co-Author, "Illinois Federal Judge Strikes Down Director-Level Restrictive Covenant As Facially Unreasonable", April 23, 2018
- Co-Author, Client Alert: "Illinois Attorney General Targets Customer Service Worker Non-Competition Provisions", November 7, 2017
- Co-Author, Client Alert: Restrictive Covenants and Social Media: When are LinkedIn Requests and Other Posts Solicitations?, July 21, 2017
- FTC Files Complaint Against D-Link, Alleging Failure to Take Reasonable Measures to Secure Routers and Internet Cameras, January 9, 2017

Speaking Engagements

- Co-Presenter, “Emerging Ethical Risks with AI,” Jenner & Block’s CLE Relay, June 19, 2020
- "Current Litigation Practice Highlights: State and Federal Court," Chicago Bar Association, March 26, 2019

