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Matt is a registered patent attorney who leverages dual proficiency in patent law and technology to deliver strategic IP guidance to clients ranging from lean startups to elite universities and Fortune 500 stalwarts. His legal experience spans domestic and overseas patent prosecution across electrical and software disciplines.

Matt's engineering mindset, fused with lifelong intellectual curiosity, equips him to rapidly unravel innovations in artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning, blockchain, the metaverse, and other leading-edge fields to extract inventions and advise on protection strategies for clients.

He handles full-spectrum IP counsel: conducting patentability searches, guiding international patent processes to balance protection with thrift, performing IP diligence for M&A, supporting IP litigation, and constructing nuanced enforceability, validity, and non-infringement opinions.

Matt flourishes assessing tomorrow's tech frontiers, whether sketching future smartphone designs or spotlighting AI's next paradigm shift. His forward-thinking approach and keen insights make Matt a trailblazer in navigating the evolving landscape of intellectual property, ensuring his clients are well-positioned for success in the dynamic realms of technology and innovation.

Outside of work, Matt likes to stay active year-round, including skiing in the winter months and regularly competing in triathlons. A lifelong music lover, Matt enjoys going to concerts and discovering new bands.

Matt has been rated by Super Lawyers® and Leading LawyersSM as a Rising Star (2018-2022) and peer selected Emerging Lawyer (2015-2022), respectively. Since 2023, Matt has been named a Leading Lawyer. Since 2024, Matt has been selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America® list in the practice area of Patent Law. He is a regular contributor to [PatentNext](#).



Practices

- Patent Prosecution

Industries

- Artificial Intelligence
- Blockchain & Cryptocurrency
- Cleantech & Renewables
- Consumer Products
- Electrical & Computer Technologies
- Entrepreneurship, Startups & Emerging Companies
- Insurance & Financial Services
- Metaverse

Representative Experience

- Successfully procured patents for a range of clients, from Fortune 500 companies, to start-up ventures, to universities, to independent inventors.
- Strategized with clients on approaches to build out IP portfolios, including identifying protectable technologies and recommending internal implementations.
- Performed non-infringement, patentability, validity, and enforceability analyses for clients, and drafted corresponding opinions.
- Counseled clients on effective ways to maximize patent protection across jurisdictions while minimizing costs.
- Performed IP due diligence in association with company mergers and acquisitions.

Matt has helped clients secure patent protection in connection with a variety of electrical and software engineering technologies:

- Machine learning and other AI applications
- Cloud-based systems and networking
- Next-generation smartphones
- Mobile device applications and operating systems
- Autonomous vehicles
- Digital image processing and printing devices
- Audio processing and related audio devices
- Digital mapping
- Social networking, including front-end interfaces and back-end technologies
- Semiconductors
- Business methods, including various financial models, fleet management, and supply chain optimization techniques

Background and Credentials

Before attending law school, Matt worked for two years as a patent agent for a boutique IP firm. He also gained technical experience in electrical and computer engineering through prior roles as an analyst for a national IT consulting firm and as a financial derivatives trader.

Education

- Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology (J.D.)
- University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (B.S.)
 - Computer Engineering

Bar Admissions

- Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Publications and Presentations

- "[How Agentic AI is Testing the Limits of Patent Law](#)," *Law360*, August 21, 2025.
- "[Federal Court Decision Sheds New Light on AI Training Data and Copyright Law](#)," *Today's General Counsel*, April 4, 2025.
- "[Reuters Win in AI Training Lawsuit Gives Guidance on New Era of 'Fair Use,' Attorneys Say](#)," *Law.com*, February 18, 2025.
- "[How I Made Practice Group Chair: 'It's Essential to Have a Clear Vision,' Says Matthew Carey of Marshall Gerstein](#)," *Law.com*, December 27, 2024.
- "Beyond Language: How Multimodal AI Sees the Bigger Picture," *ALM IP Strategist*, March 5, 2024.

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Insights

August 21, 2025

"How Agentic AI is Testing the Limits of Patent Law"

Law360

April 4, 2025

"Federal Court Decision Sheds New Light on AI Training Data and Copyright Law"

Today's General Counsel

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"Reuters Win in AI Training Lawsuit Gives Guidance on New Era of 'Fair Use,' Attorneys Say"

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Gerstein"

Law.com

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"Beyond Language: How Multimodal AI Sees the Bigger Picture"

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January 31, 2024

"On AI and Copyrightable Authorship"

AccelPro

October 12, 2023

"AI Artwork and The Thaler Copyright Roadblock"

Law360

September 20, 2023

"USCO's Decision That AI Prompts Aren't Copyrightable Underscores Tech's 'Black Box' Problem" (featured quotes)

Legaltech News

July 12, 2023

"AI Use Risks Drop in New Patents as Ideas Are Rendered 'Obvious'" (featured quotes)

Bloomberg Law

May/June 2023 Edition

"Revolutionizing IP Protection: Navigating the Convergence of Artificial Intelligence, Interoperability, and Blockchain"

The Patent Lawyer

December 9, 2022

"Protecting Your Intellectual Property in the Metaverse" (featured quotes)

Legal Dive

November 17, 2022

"As Metaverse Evolves, So Do IP Protection Issues"

Law360

November 11, 2022

"Metaverse IP Protections: A Meta Talkz with Matthew Carey" (featured quotes)

Metaverse Times

October 27, 2022

"IP Issues in the Metaverse"

AIPLA 2022 Annual Meeting

July 25, 2022

"Innovative Patent and Trademark Solutions for the Metaverse and NFTs"

Nasdaq Trade Talks