

The graphic for the Intellectual Property section, featuring a purple triangle on the left and the text 'Intellectual Property' in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The background is a light gray with a subtle pattern of small dots and larger, faint geometric shapes.

We understand that intellectual property is perhaps the leading asset class responsible for significant business growth and competition in today's markets. Our goal is to help you protect key assets while minimizing the risk of infringement.

Lathrop GPM provides the niche focus and expertise of an IP boutique with the strength and resources of a full-service law firm via our roster of more than 90 IP practitioners and professionals in offices from coast to coast. More than 20 of our patent practitioners hold Ph.D.s and all have industry experience or hold advanced degrees in science or engineering.

Lathrop GPM represents a variety of clients, from start-up companies to Fortune 500 companies. The team is integrated firmwide, allowing the group's attorneys to better leverage multi-disciplinary expertise to serve clients more creatively and efficiently. Our attorneys understand the importance of minimizing costs while maximizing IP protection, and they work with clients to create an individualized plan that protects and secures their intellectual property nationwide and abroad.

Specifically, Lathrop GPM excels as patent counsel for emerging and mature R&D focused companies, universities, hospitals, research institutions, and manufacturing companies, and routinely assists leading companies in technology licensing, patent procurement, patent enforcement and spin-out strategies. In addition, we can strategically evaluate patents, recommend and implement strategies for patent prosecution, and help protect and monetize your cutting-edge, innovative products.

Our practitioners — who file thousands of patent applications per year — are experts in their respective industries and are active in all areas of intellectual property law, including portfolio development, due diligence, licensing, and collaborative relationships and litigation. Offering both legal and scientific acumen, our team includes attorneys and agents with a range of advanced technical degrees in scientific fields supportive of innovation in a broad variety of technical fields, including diagnostics, devices of all kinds (including electrical, mechanical, medical and machine/systems), material science, pharmaceutical/biotechnology, optics and photonics, chemistry, consumer products, manufacturing methods and computer science (including quantum computing).

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In addition to our attorneys, our team is greatly enhanced by a team of patent agents and technical specialists with a broad range of advanced technical degrees in scientific fields supportive of innovation in a wide variety of technical fields.

Lathrop GPM handles all aspects of patent, trademark and copyright law in the United States and worldwide:

- **Prosecution.** We work to safeguard our clients' ideas and innovations. Our registered patent attorneys and agents have a remarkable record of securing patents on electrical devices and circuits, biotechnology, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, manufacturing equipment, business methods, optical devices, computer hardware and software, management systems and all other forms of technology.
- **Transactions.** We advise clients on the acquisition, transfer and exploitation of IP assets through licensing; mergers and acquisitions; and strategic alliances and joint ventures.
- **Litigation.** When conflicts do arise, our team of IP litigators knows how to find fast, fair relief. Lathrop GPM has litigated hundreds of cases in state and federal courts nationwide, involving copyright infringement, noncompetition agreements, patent infringement, patent validity, trademark and trade dress infringement, unfair competition and more.

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