

Litigation

At **Woodard Emhardt**, we vigorously enforce and defend our clients' intellectual property rights. We provide a wide range of pre-litigation, litigation, arbitration, and mediation services. We have a team of experienced trial lawyers that can fight for your rights throughout the entire litigation and appeal process.



Our team of dedicated trial lawyers will help you understand and evaluate the benefits and risks of your case. We understand that due to the stakes involved, litigation can create significant pressures. Personalities and interactions between client and lawyer can be the key to the success of a case. At **Woodard Emhardt**, we understand that litigation can be stressful enough, and for success, we need you to be comfortable throughout the entire litigation process. At the beginning of each case, we propose to our clients a team of attorneys whom we feel have the best capabilities to handle the case. You can evaluate our litigation team and provide feedback on the members to ensure you are personally comfortable with the litigation team involved.

Due to the high stakes nature of intellectual property litigation, we understand that management of the case, especially budgeting, can be daunting. At the beginning of your case, our team of experienced trial lawyers will sit down with you and lay out a case game plan along with a budget. In any litigation, there are always surprises, and circumstances will change. We appreciate the importance of providing rapid communication as well as updates on the budget so you can make the best decisions possible for your business.

Client communication is vitally important for a successful outcome. We understand that it can be difficult to grasp all that is involved in the case. That is why we have developed case management reports that are supplied on a regular basis so that you know what is being done in the case, why, and how much it will cost. These reports help you feel more comfortable and in control of the case, which in turn helps you make better decisions on how to handle the case.

All of our trial lawyers are registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office. With this ability, our trial lawyers are very familiar with alternative ways to resolve patent cases through the United States Patent and Trademark Office's ex parte reexamination, inter partes reexamination, reissue, or interference procedures. Having the same trial lawyer handle the case either in court or before the United States Patent and Trademark Office allows continuity throughout the entire process, which can lower the risk of miscommunication or mishandling of the case whether before the court or in front of the Patent Office.

Likewise, our depth of knowledge of handling trademark cases in court as well as in front of the United States Patent and Trademark Office gives you an advantage with trademark litigation.

Depending on the circumstances of the case, we can provide a wide range of billing options, such as hourly billing, contingent fee, or a hybrid hourly-contingent fee arrangement, to name just a few examples.