

RICHARD de BODO

Partner



Richard de Bodo is a skilled and creative trial lawyer who represents leading technology, pharmaceutical, and life sciences companies, as well as other prominent businesses, individuals, and emerging companies, in complex, high stakes, and cutting-edge intellectual property and commercial disputes.

Clients and peers consistently praise Rich's strategic insight and courtroom effectiveness. According to Chambers USA, "Clients are impressed by Rich's brilliant mind and unmatched strategic skills." In the words of one general counsel, "Rich is the person you need when you're faced with highly complicated IP legal matters that involve many variables." According to another general counsel: "When the stakes are high, Rich is the only person I'd go to. He gets the job done in a measured and calm manner."

Rich is known for his relentless advocacy, meticulous preparation, sharp attention to detail, and creative problem-solving. He has a unique talent for translating complex legal and technical issues into clear, persuasive arguments for judges and juries, and for leading and collaborating effectively with high-performing legal teams.

Rich has secured significant victories and multimillion-dollar awards in federal and state courts across the United States, as well as before appellate courts, the International Trade Commission, the U.S. Patent Office, arbitration panels, and other U.S. and foreign tribunals. Rich has litigated cutting-edge matters under the Hatch-Waxman Act and the Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act, along with high-stakes patent, trade secret, inventorship, and licensing disputes involving software, cybersecurity, semiconductors, stem cells, DNA microarrays, peptide therapies, and other advanced technologies.

Besides his intellectual property practice, Rich has extensive experience handling complex business and commercial disputes nationwide, including securities fraud and malpractice cases. Rich has also represented Native American and Alaska Native tribes, villages, organizations, and individuals in matters involving sovereignty, treaty and aboriginal rights, land, and resource issues, civil and voting rights, and public health. In several of these matters, he represented or worked alongside the Native American Rights Fund (NARF), which recognized and honored Rich for his pro bono work.

Prior to joining Barton, Rich was a partner at several AmLaw 100 firms. He served as Co-Chair of Hogan Lovells' U.S. IP Practice, Co-Chair of DLA Piper's Patent Litigation Practice and its Life Sciences Practice, and Chair of Morgan Lewis's Life Sciences IP Practice.

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Education

Harvard Law School, J.D.
Harvard College, B.A.

Admissions

State of California
District of Columbia
U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
U.S. Supreme Court
U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California
U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado
U.S. District Court for the District of North Dakota

Practices

Artificial Intelligence
Business Transactions
Commercial Litigation
Intellectual Property
Intellectual Property Litigation
Securities Litigation, Regulatory Investigations, and Enforcement

Industry Experience

Healthcare – Life Sciences
Technology

Professional Affiliations

State Bar of California
District of Columbia Bar
Federal Bar Association
Los Angeles County Bar Association
American Bar Association, Co-Chair Intellectual Property Litigation Committee
American Bar Association, Co-Chair of Intellectual Property Section Annual Conference
National Institute of Trial Advocacy, Instructor on Trial Advocacy and Trial Strategy
Hastings College of Advocacy, Instructor on Trial Advocacy and Trial Strategy

Honors

Benchmark Litigation, Litigation Star 2015 – 2018, 2023 – 2025 (Intellectual Property)
Best Lawyers in America, 2007 – 2024
Chambers and Partners USA, Intellectual Property 2009-2018, Life Sciences 2009-2018
Daily Journal, Outstanding Intellectual Property Lawyer, 2010 – 2018
Litigation Counsel of America Fellow 2016-2025
LMG Life Sciences, Life Sciences Star: Intellectual Property, 2012- 2018
Managing Intellectual Property, IP Patent Star, 2012 – 2018
Native American Rights Fund, Recognized and honored for pro bono work
Super Lawyers, Thomson Reuters, 2005 – 2024
The Legal 500 US, Outstanding Lawyer in Healthcare – Life Sciences, 2015 – 2018
Who's Who Legal / Lexology Index, Outstanding Life Sciences and Healthcare Attorney, 2015-2018, 2023-2025

In the Media

"Post 'big law' stage: why Barton's latest partner is keen to offer 'something better.'" *Managing IP*. (May 15, 2026).

"Barton Adds Rimon IP Atty With Leadership Experience In LA." *Law360 Pulse*. (May 13, 2026).