



## Austin Lorch

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**PRACTICES** Intellectual Property, Patents, Patent Prosecution and Counseling, Patent Office Trials, Energy, Power and Natural Resources, Oilfield Technology, FinTech Virtual Currency and Blockchain, Medical Device and Technology, AI and Deep Learning, Mechanical, Bitcoin Mining Companies

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Austin is registered to represent clients before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Clients rely on his knowledge and thoughtfulness to navigate the intellectual property landscape, whether they are obtaining IP or avoiding the IP of others. Austin has assisted large corporations, mid-sized entities, and startups.

As a member of the Texas Blockchain Council, Austin is particularly interested in understanding how companies in the bitcoin and digital-asset ecosystem can optimize and execute their IP strategy within the current legal framework.

His practice is particularly geared towards:

- Conducting clearance and freedom-to-operate assessments
- Preparing and prosecuting domestic and foreign patent applications
- Drafting formal opinions regarding non-infringement and invalidity
- Patent office trial proceedings, including *inter partes* reviews
- Strategic IP counseling

Working for a diverse group of clients, Austin has experience in a wide range of technologies, including:

- *Medical devices* – robotic surgical systems, orthopedic implants, and imaging systems.
  - *Mechanical and Electro-mechanical Systems* – construction and mining machinery, door systems, radio-frequency identification systems, engines, and drilling rigs.
  - *Biotechnology* – Biosensors and diagnostic test platforms.
  - *Retail products* – Including camping and outdoor equipment.
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## QUALIFICATIONS

### EDUCATION

- J.D., UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law, 2021, cum laude; Managing Editor, *IDEA: The Law Review of the Franklin Pierce Center for Intellectual Property*
- LL.M., Intellectual Property, UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law, 2021
- B.S., Mechanical Engineering; Minor, Electrical Engineering, University of St. Thomas, 2018

## ADMISSIONS

- Texas
  - U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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## PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- “Practical Pointers After Fed. Cir. Double-Patenting Decision,” co-author, *Law360* (April 2024).
  - “Can A DAO Be Sued? SDNY Case May Hold The Answer,” co-author, *Law360* (March 2024).
  - “Winning the Digital Asset Frontier,” speaker, North American Blockchain Summit (November 2023).
  - “Terminal Disclaimers and Common Ownership,” co-author, *The Patent Lawyer* (February 2023).
  - “AI & Wine Industry,” speaker, *AI Chats Episode 21* (August 2022).
  - “Expert Editorial: Protecting Your Artificial Intelligence Innovations,” co-author, *Wine Industry Advisor* (June 2022).
  - “A Multi-Actuator Approach to High Bandwidth In Vitro Cardiac Kinematic Simulation,” co-author, *IEEE International - Conference on Biomedical Robotics and BioMechatronics*, Netherlands (August 2018).
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## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ENGAGEMENTS

- Texas Blockchain Council, member (2023 – present)
- Dallas Bar Association, IP Section (2023 – present)
- Tech Titans, member (2023 – present)
- Intellectual Property Owners Association (IPO), member (2022 – present)