



A software engineer turned patent attorney, James Vergara advises business and individual clients involved in numerous industries seeking to bring their innovations to the domestic and global marketplace. Clients and colleagues alike appreciate James' direct approach to finding solutions that are both strategic and efficient.

James is experienced in preparing patent applications and providing strategic insight for a variety of software and communications-related intellectual property, including computer networking, cybersecurity, quantum computing, vehicle communications, machine learning, video analytics, big data, and virtualization.

Skilled in patent portfolio analysis, James is involved in conducting prior art searches, patent mining, and mergers and acquisition due diligence. In addition, James has experience in patent litigation support and writing freedom-to-operate opinions. Throughout the course of his practice, James has represented a variety of clients, ranging from startup companies to large corporations.

James also assists in monitorships and is a member of the team assisting the Special Compliance Coordinator appointed by the U.S. Department of Commerce to monitor, assess, and report on the U.S. export control compliance of Zhongxing Telecommunications Equipment Corporation, of Shenzhen, China, and ZTE Kangxun Telecommunications Ltd. of Hi-New Shenzhen, China (collectively, ZTE).

Prior to becoming an attorney, James worked as a software verification developer for Delphi-Delco Electronics Software Verification Lab, where he focused on programming test scripts for automotive devices. Working in-house in the technology industry gave James the business perspective of understanding how innovation unfolds in the corporate environment. He brings this sensitivity to the clients he serves today.

In addition, James taught English in Wakayama, Japan, through the Japan Exchange and Teaching Program. While teaching, James developed the ability to communicate with a wide variety of personalities while enhancing his communication abilities.

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EDUCATION

Chicago-Kent College of Law, (J.D.), executive articles editor for the Chicago-Kent Law Review, editor-in-chief for the Chicago-Kent Journal of Intellectual Property, 2012

Purdue University, (B.S.), computer science, 2005

BAR ADMISSIONS

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U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

LANGUAGES

English

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PRACTICES

Data Security and Privacy

Intellectual Property

Internet and Technology

Japanese Services

INDUSTRIES

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Telecommunications

Professional and Community Involvement

Former secretary, Asian American Bar Association of Greater Chicago

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Honors

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