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Fish & Richardson is a leading global law firm with 400 attorneys and technology specialists practicing intellectual property strategy and counseling, patent prosecution, intellectual property litigation, and business litigation. Our attorneys conduct cutting-edge legal work for innovative clients, large and small, who view their intellectual property as a key business asset. Fish was recently named top patent prosecution firm (*Managing Intellectual Property*, February 2010), was honored as an IP Firm of the Year (*Law360*, January 2010), and named a finalist for top IP Litigation Department of the Year (*American Lawyer*, January 2010). Fish handles more patent litigation than any other law firm (*IP Law & Business*, September 2009) and was named the number one firm in the world for PCT filings (*Managing Intellectual Property*, October 2009). The firm also handled two of the top ten most important IP cases of 2009 (*Managing Intellectual Property*, January 2010).

Our depth of experience in hundreds of technology fields is evident, with nearly 70 of our attorneys and technology specialists holding Ph.D.'s, and many others holding advanced scientific degrees. Fish serves diverse clients in a wide variety of industries, ranging from large, multinational corporations to emerging-growth companies as well as world-renowned academic and research institutions. One of Fish's core areas of expertise lies in the medical device and life sciences industries, where we represent clients in technologies ranging from cardiac rhythm management to orthopedics and from kidney dialysis to drug-coated stent development and production. We have helped many start-up companies in the medical device and life sciences industries develop strong and enforceable patent portfolios, with an eye toward making sure that the patents not only are granted but also hold up in court. We also have a particular expertise in advising venture fund clients on intellectual property issues in connection with their investments, and we work with many different venture funds in Minnesota, elsewhere in the United States, and in Europe.

For over 130 years, Fish has served great innovators, helping to protect countless ideas, nurture discoveries, and bring new concepts to market. Today, the firm continues with this mission. In all of our offices, our team of legal professionals has the experience, vision, and commitment to help clients not only succeed today but also become the legends of tomorrow.



Ann Cathcart Chaplin is the Managing Principal of the Twin Cities office of Fish & Richardson. Her practice emphasizes intellectual property litigation, including extensive experience handling patent infringement litigation over medical devices and medical procedures. She represents clients, both small and large, in litigation throughout the United States. She earned her J.D. from Harvard Law School.



Mark S. Ellinger, Ph.D. is a Senior Principal and focuses his practice on patent prosecution, opinions, due diligence investigations, licensing and counseling in the medical biotechnology, agricultural biotechnology, diagnostic, pharmaceutical, and medical science fields. Ellinger received his Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota in developmental biology and his J.D. from Harvard Law School.



Stephen R. Schaefer is a Principal and focuses his practice in the medical device industry, concentrating on patent portfolio development and related intellectual property counseling and license agreement matters. He also works with venture fund clients, providing intellectual property advice in connection with investment decisions. He has bachelor's and master's degrees in electrical engineering and engineering management, and received his J.D. from the University of Minnesota Law School.



Jonathan E. Singer is a Principal and leads the growing pharmaceutical and biotech litigation practice. His nationwide practice features litigation and trials across the technological spectrum. Singer has successfully represented large and small clients, with his trial experience including both jury and bench trials. He earned his J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School.



John C. Adkisson is a Principal and an experienced patent litigator. He handles patent infringement cases involving medical devices, surgical methods, and pharmaceutical products. He represents companies of all sizes nationwide. He earned his J.D. from the University of Wisconsin Law School.



Mathias W. Samuel is a Principal and experienced trial lawyer whose practice emphasizes high technology litigation, representing clients in a variety of technologies and industries, with particular expertise in medical devices. Samuel has extensive experience leading trial teams in significant patent infringement cases across the United States. He has a bachelor's of science degree in electrical engineering with additional coursework in bioengineering. He earned his J.D. from the University of San Diego School of Law.



Dorothy P. Whelan is a Principal whose practice emphasizes client counseling and patent prosecution in the chemical and materials science areas as well as medical devices. Her expertise ranges from preparing and prosecuting patent applications to developing defensive strategies, including the use of non-litigation proceedings such as patent reexamination, to working closely with litigation teams. She earned her J.D. from Boston College Law School.



Teresa A. Lavoie, Ph.D. is a Principal whose practice emphasizes patent prosecution in the areas of chemistry, pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, and medical devices. She received her Ph.D. in chemistry from Princeton University and her J.D. from the University of Minnesota Law School.