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Practice Areas

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Matt Murphy leverages his prior experience as a research scientist to represent pharmaceutical, life sciences, and other companies in complex patent and trade secret litigation.

Recognized among *IAM Patent 1000's* "World's Leading Patent Professionals," Matt combines his litigation prowess and technical background to provide a 360-degree perspective on the legal trends and business challenges clients face. His experience in research and development for leading pharmaceutical and medical device companies makes him particularly adept at understanding the product development process and communicating highly technical information to judges and juries.

In addition to representing pharmaceutical, life sciences, and medical device companies, Matt advises clients in the Fintech, wireless communications, healthcare, and lighting industries. He has driven multiple patent and trade secret litigations with multibillion-dollar claims to successful resolution.

Matt is the training partner for associate lawyers in Axinn's Intellectual Property Practice Group. His pro bono work includes helping nonprofits, startups, and small businesses secure copyright protection for artistic works. He is a member of the Connecticut Bar Association Intellectual Property Section Executive Committee.

Professional Activities

- Connecticut Bar Association, Intellectual Property Section, Executive Committee
- American Bar Association, Section of Intellectual Property Law

Experience

- Representation of a major public corporation in a trade secret and breach of contract litigation involving electronics products in the United States Court for the District of Connecticut.
- Representation of a leading manufacturer in patent litigation concerning food products in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.
- Defense of a billion dollar patent litigation involving a generic drug in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.

Honors

- *IAM Patent 1000*, World's Leading Patent Professionals (2023 – 2024)
- *Lawdragon*, 500 Leading Litigators in America (2025)
- *Best Lawyers* in America, Litigation – Intellectual Property and Litigation – Patent (2024 – 2025)
- *Super Lawyers*, Rising Stars (2019)

Education

- JD – University of Connecticut School of Law (2009)
- BS, Chemistry, *cum laude* – University of Connecticut (2001)

Admissions

- Connecticut
- New York
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit
- U.S. District Court District of Connecticut

- U.S. District Court District of Columbia

Quotes

“A standout IP practitioner in every sense. He is smart and very thorough, and he has an excellent strategic mind that he deploys to find practical and cost-effective solutions to IP issues.”

— *IAM Patent 1000*

“Axinn proves to have not just the necessary knowledge and skill to handle complex and sophisticated matters, but the depth of experience to anticipate unforeseen hurdles.”

— *Chambers USA*