



Chris Israel – ACG Advocacy, LLC

Chris Israel joined ACG in 2009 and currently serves as the co-lead of the firm’s IP group. He specializes in supporting patent-intensive startups and venture investment firms. Prior to ACG, Mr. Israel served in the Administration of former President George W. Bush as Deputy Chief of Staff at the U.S. Department of Commerce and was appointed to serve as the first U.S. Coordinator for International Intellectual Property Enforcement in 2006. In this role, he was responsible for coordinating and leveraging the resources of the U.S. government to protect American intellectual property at home and abroad. Mr. Israel continues to be a frequent speaker on IP and innovation issues and was named one of the 50 “Most Influential People on IP” by Managing Intellectual Property magazine and one of the 2024 Global Strategy 300 by Intellectual Asset Magazine.



John Lee – U.S. House of Representatives

John Lee is the Chief Counsel for Intellectual Property of the House Judiciary Committee, where he is the principal advisor on IP issues and helms the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, Artificial Intelligence, and the Internet. Prior to joining Congress, John heard and decided hundreds of cases as a Lead Administrative Patent Judge on the Patent Trial and Appeal Board at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Before his judicial appointment, John was a partner at Kirkland and Ellis LLP where he represented both Fortune 100 companies and start-ups, including in litigation before federal courts nationwide and the U.S. International Trade Commission. He also served as a law clerk to Chief Judge Paul R. Michel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. John is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School, and also holds degrees in bioengineering and neuroscience from the University of Pennsylvania.



Robert Rando – Patrick Doerr

Robert J. Rando is a partner with the firm's Intellectual Property Department. Mr. Rando focuses his practice on patent and other intellectual property infringement disputes and counseling.

His patent law experience covers a wide range of current and emerging technologies, including computer hardware and software, silicon chip manufacturing, biotechnology products, medical devices, pharmaceuticals, chemical compounds, food additives, alternative energy products, consumer electronics, communications, security, Internet, e-commerce, AI, autonomous vehicles and blockchain.

Mr. Rando has more than 30 years of federal civil litigation experience and has litigated disputes in the Southern District of New York ("SDNY"), the Eastern District of New York ("EDNY"), and several other United States District Courts across the country. In addition to intellectual property matters, Mr. Rando has also handled litigation matters involving antitrust, civil rights, complex commercial disputes, class action product liability, employment discrimination and other employment disputes, and ERISA cases.

Mr. Rando has extensive appellate court experience, including having served as counsel of record or co-counsel on over 30 Amicus brief filings before the United States Supreme Court and Federal Circuit on various patent and other intellectual property, constitutional and administrative law issues from 2006 to the present.

Mr. Rando is a Fellow of the Academy of Court-Appointed Masters and, since 2004, has served by judicial appointment as a Special Master in numerous cases involving complex patent law issues. He has also served as a Mediator in several private mediations all with successful outcomes and as a Neutral in patent and non-patent cases.

Mr. Rando has also worked closely with USPTO leaders and is actively engaged in federal judiciary matters. Along with other FBA patent practitioners he developed and conducted a series of lectures in 2012 on the AIA, and along with other NYIPLA patent practitioners he provided a lecture on Alice/Mayo/Section 101 patent eligibility issues in 2018, for the SDNY and EDNY Patent Pilot Program Judges, Magistrate Judges and Law Clerks. He represented the NYIPLA and FBA at the Tillis/Coons Section 101 Patent Law Reform Roundtable discussions and, on behalf of the FBA IPLS, submitted written testimony included in the record at the June 11, 2019 hearing.

As a member of the EDNY Litigation Advisory Committee since 2005, Mr. Rando has collaborated with other practitioners, members of the judiciary and academia reviewing and providing input and commentary on proposed rules changes to the Federal Rules and the EDNY local rules. Mr. Rando also served as a member of the joint EDNY/SDNY Committee on Local Patent Rules.

Mr. Rando began his legal career as an Associate with Skadden Arps, later moving to Kenyon & Kenyon. Prior to joining Patrick Doerr, Mr. Rando founded and led his own firm for nearly 25 years. Before attending law school, he served as a Systems Analysis Engineer at Sperry Corporation, now a part of Lockheed Martin. In this role, Mr. Rando helped design, develop, implement, and analyze computer software that could use advanced mathematics as part of nuclear submarine navigation and weapons systems under a government required security clearance.

Mr. Rando is a published author and frequent lecturer at law schools, bar associations, CLE programs and trade groups on constitutional law, administrative law, patent law and other IP law issues. For more detailed information: <https://www.patrickdoerr.com/robertrando>.