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Robert helps companies solve their intellectual property issues.

Robert focuses on patent litigation, patent opinion work, licensing, and advising on IP matters such as open source software licensing. He has experience in working with a range of technologies, such as small molecules, consumer electronics, video games, social networking, mechanical inventions, and eyewear design. He has litigation experience in venues across the U.S., including patent litigation hotspots in California, Texas, and Delaware, as well as before the U.S. Patent and Trademark office and the Federal Circuit.

Before joining Dorsey, Robert spent over eight years with University of Washington CoMotion, the university's tech transfer office, in the office's IP Management group.

In addition, Robert guest lectures on IP law and policy to classes at the University of Washington and other local groups.

Robert is fluent in Japanese.

Select Experience

Representative Litigation Experience

- Represented a multinational Japanese consumer electronics manufacturer and its U.S. subsidiary as defendants in D. Del. and appellees before Federal Circuit, involving LCD display technology
- Represented a multinational Japanese consumer electronics manufacturer and its U.S. subsidiary as defendants in E.D. Tex., involving semiconductor design technology
- Represented a multinational Japanese consumer electronics manufacturer and its U.S. subsidiary as defendants in E.D. Va., involving network feature technology
- Represented a Canadian outdoor equipment manufacturer in W.D. Wash. in assertion of patent assets against competitors, involving ski binding technology

Education

- University of Washington School of Law (J.D., 2015)
 - High Honors (Top 5%); Order of the Coif
- University of Washington (B.A., 2007)
- University of Washington Bioengineering (M.S., Pharmaceutical Bioengineering, 2018)

Bar Admissions

- Washington

Professional Affiliations

- Wayfind Volunteer Attorney

Accolades

- *Best Lawyers® Ones to Watch in America*, Litigation – Intellectual Property, Seattle, 2021-2022, 2024-2026
- *Washington Super Lawyers®*, "Rising Stars," 2019-2025

Languages

- Japanese

Select Presentations

- "Copyright and Open Source Licensing," University of Washington Global Innovation Exchange, Seattle, WA July 5, 2018
- "Design Patent Basics," Litigation Strategies for the Protection of IP, UW School of Law, Seattle, WA, May 2, 2018
- "Pharma Patent Basics," Pharmaceuticals II, University of Washington, August 10, 2017
- "Intellectual Property Law and Policy Basics," Technology Policy, UW Evans School of Public Affairs, Seattle, WA, April 19, 2017
- "Patent Prosecution Practice in Japan," Japan Patent Attorneys Association and Washington State Patent Law Association, Seattle, WA, February 7, 2017
- "IP and Entrepreneurship," University of California San Diego Global Innovation Training Workshop, San Diego, CA, January 13, 2017
- "Intellectual Property Overview," Entrepreneurial Law Clinic, UW School of Law, Seattle, WA, October 14, 2016
- "Design Patent Basics," IP Seminar, Dorsey & Whitney, Seattle, WA, January 13, 2016
- "Intellectual Property Law and Policy Basics," Technology Policy, UW Evans School of Public Affairs, Seattle, WA, November 12, 2015
- "Intellectual Property Q&A," UW CoMotion Entrepreneurial Law Clinic Series, Seattle, WA, April 3, 2015
- "Patent 101," UW CoMotion Entrepreneurial Law Clinic Series, Seattle, WA, March 6, 2015

Insights

May 28, 2025

Federal Circuit Clarifies Scope of IPR Estoppel

January 28, 2025

When Is a Published Patent Application Prior Art?

November 15, 2016

Dorsey Attorney Robert Lee Discusses Dole Class Action Case