



Karl R. Hermanns

PARTNER

EDUCATION

University of Colorado
School of Law
J.D. 1988

University of Washington
Chemistry
M.S. 1984

University of Washington
Chemistry
B.S. 1983

INDUSTRIES

Alternative Energy
Chemistry
Medical Devices
Pharmaceuticals

PRACTICES

Patent
Strategic Counseling
IP Agreements & Licensing
Trade Secrets

BAR ADMISSIONS

Washington
United States Patent
and Trademark Office

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Court of Appeals for the
Federal Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the
Ninth Circuit

BACKGROUND

Karl R. Hermanns' practice is focused on pharmaceutical and biotechnology patent matters, with an emphasis on strategic management of patent portfolios, early stage company counseling, investment due diligence, and competitive patent analysis. He graduated with both a B.S. and an M.S. in Chemistry from the University of Washington, and received his J.D. from the University of Colorado School of Law.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 2005-2026
- Listed in *IP Stars (Managing Intellectual Property)*, 2013-2025
- *Chambers USA*, "Notable Practitioner," Intellectual Property: Patent (Washington), 2017-2025
- Top Rated AV Preeminent™ IP Lawyer, Martindale-Hubbell®, 2002-2025
- Recommended, IAM Patent 1000, Prosecution: Washington, 2016-2025
- Selected to *Washington Super Lawyers*®, 2002-2021
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® Seattle Lawyer of the Year – Patent Law, 2019
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® Seattle Lawyer of the Year – Litigation/Patent, 2013
- Listed in *Seattle Met's "Top Lawyers"* issue, 2010
- Top 40 Washington IP Super Lawyers® 2006-2008
- Washington's Most Amazing Attorneys® 2006

EXPERIENCE

Karl is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Washington School of Law, teaching patent preparation and prosecution courses, and at the University of Washington Chemistry Department, teaching a course entitled "Intellectual Property for Scientists."

AFFILIATIONS

Karl is admitted to the Washington State Bar and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth and Federal Circuits, and is registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. He is also a past president of the Intellectual Property Section of the Washington State Bar Association.