

# Craig Gelfound

PARTNER

Craig is the head of Arent Fox's Intellectual Property group in the Los Angeles office, leading more than 35 intellectual property attorneys and legal professionals.



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## Practices

Complex Litigation  
Patent  
Trademark

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## International

Asia  
Europe  
Japan

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## Education

Southwestern University School of Law JD  
, magna cum laude, recipient of seven  
American Jurisprudence Awards, 1994  
San Diego State University BS,  
Electrical Engineering, 1983

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Under Craig's leadership, the Intellectual Property group was ranked nationally by *Chambers USA* and recognized as the best in the country for client service. Recently, he was named for the ninth consecutive year by the *Daily Journal* as one of the Top Intellectual Property attorneys in California.

Craig has been honored among the nation's best attorneys and as a leader in his field by *Legal 500*, where he is described as an "international IP legend." The *Los Angeles Business Journal* recently named him as one of the "Most Influential IP Attorneys" in Los Angeles. Craig has also been recognized as an Intellectual Property "Super Lawyer" by California *Super Lawyer Magazine* and was named an "IP Star" by *Managing IP (MIP) Magazine*. He also serves as an adjunct member of the faculty at Southwestern University School of Law, where he teaches patent law.

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## Client Work

Craig has been recognized for his extraordinary track record with successfully monetizing intellectual property to maximize return on investment by procuring, managing, licensing and enforcing domestic and global portfolios for multinational corporations, middle market companies, and emerging entrepreneurship. Craig is also a highly skilled litigator, serving as lead counsel in cases involving patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade dress, trade secrets, and commercial transactions.

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## Previous Work

After earning a bachelor's of science in electrical engineering, Craig worked as a design engineer in a major telecommunications company designing signal processors for military radar applications. He later served as project manager for one of the largest air traffic control radar contracts with the United States Air Force. From 1999 to 2001, Craig was a special assistant attorney general

for the state of Oregon. Prior to joining Arent Fox, he was a partner in the Los Angeles office of a leading international law firm.

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## Professional Activities

Craig is also active member in the Los Angeles Intellectual Property Association and past President of the Barristers for the Pasadena Bar Association. Craig serves on the Board of Directors for the Pete Conrad Foundation.

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## Publications, Presentations & Recognitions

Since 2011, Craig has been continuously recognized by the *Daily Journal* as one of the Top Intellectual Property Lawyers in California. Craig was also recognized as a leading intellectual property attorney by *Super Lawyers* magazine in 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017 and was selected as a recommended attorney by *Legal 500* in 2015, 2016, and 2017. Craig is also recognized as an "IP Star" by *Managing Intellectual Property*.

Craig's publications include:

- "Q&A With Arent Fox's Craig Gelfound," *Law360*, July 23, 2013
- "Best Mode Requirement -- a Right Without a Remedy?," *The Recorder*, July 12, 2013
- "Emerging Trends in Business Method Patents, Patent Drafting Strategies in a Post-Bilski Era (pp.97-107)," Aspatore Books, *Inside the Minds*, 2012

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## Bar Admissions

California

US Patent and Trademark Office

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## Court Admissions

US Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit

US Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit

US District Court, Northern District of California

US District Court, Central District of California