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Daniel Yannuzzi is a partner in the Intellectual Property Practice Group and served as co-chair of the group from 2009-2025. He advises clients in all areas of intellectual property law, including patent and other intellectual property litigation, strategic portfolio development, technology licensing and transactional matters.

Areas of Practice

Daniel advises high-technology companies and their stakeholders on complex, business-critical IP matters. His practice involves developing IP strategies and IP portfolios aligned with business goals; assessing, avoiding and responding to third-party IP threats; intellectual property litigation, with an emphasis on patent litigation; in-bound and out-bound technology licensing, including standards-based licensing; and negotiating IP asset transactions such as mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures and the like. His clients include tech, energy, aerospace, transportation and communication leaders such as Toyota, Chevron, Mercury Mission Systems, L3Harris, Dish Network, Hewlett Packard Enterprise and Virgin Galactic, in addition to others. In addition to representing large multinational corporations, Daniel serves as primary outside intellectual property counsel to numerous electronics, software, telecommunications and medical device companies.

Daniel previously served in in-house legal roles for several years, including as Vice President of Worldwide Legal Affairs and Assistant Corporate Secretary to Skyworks Solutions, Inc., and as Vice President and Chief Intellectual Property Counsel to Conexant Systems, Inc., a multi-billion dollar semiconductor company.

Prior to entering the legal profession, Daniel was an engineering manager at Allied Signal Aerospace, where he managed the development and integration of spacecraft communication and tracking systems for various NASA programs. He also led a team of scientists and engineers in the development of high precision satellite laser ranging systems for NASA's Crustal Dynamics Project.

Honors

Recommended Lawyer, Insurance - Advise to Insurers, *Legal 500 US*, 2025

The World's Leading Patent Professionals, *IAM Patent 1000*, 2025

Top IP Lawyer, *Daily Journal*, 2024

Leading Life Sciences Lawyer - Intellectual Property (Patent Strategy & Management, General Patent Litigation and Patent Prosecution), *LMG Life Sciences*, 2021-2025

Ranked as the #2 IPR attorney in the country representing petitioners, *Patexia IPR Intelligence Report*, 2019
Intellectual Property Star, Patent Strategy & Management, General Patent Litigation and Patent Prosecution, *LMG Life Sciences*, 2019

Best Lawyers in America, Intellectual Property Litigation, *Best Lawyers*, 2018-2026

The Legal 500 US, Copyright, 2018

San Diego Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers*, 2015-2025

Leading Intellectual Property Lawyer, *Chambers USA*, 2012-2013

Southern California Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers*, 2012-2014

Top 25 Portfolio Managers, Prosecutors & License Specialists, *Daily Journal*

Life Sciences Star, *LMG Life Sciences*, 2012-2013

Articles

- Inter partes review a decade into the America Invents Act
Daily Journal, 09.28.2021
- Submarine patents and the scope of the doctrine of "Prosecution Latches"
Daily Journal, 08.26.2021
- Patent bill should focus on stabilizing law, not wiping out precedent
Daily Journal, 06.12.2019
- "Intellectual Property Issues"
Cloud Computing Legal Deskbook, 2013 Edition, Thomson Reuters Westlaw
Thomson Reuters Westlaw, 11.2013
- Mistakes to Avoid in Crafting an IP License: What to Watch for to Avoid Creating Issues in Later Litigation
Aspatore, 01.2011
- Cleantech Product Development
Are strings attached to Recovery Act Funds?
San Diego Daily Transcript, 10.22.2009
- Developing a Foreign Filing Strategy
Aspatore, 03.20.2009

Intellectual Property Law Blog Posts

- "USPTO's Proposed 'One and Done' IPR Rule: Rethinking Finality, Fairness, and Efficiency," October 20, 2025
- "USPTO's Automated Search Pilot Program: Early Prior Art Insights—Promises and Pitfalls for Patent Applicants," October 8, 2025
- "Final Word on IPR Estoppel: Rehearing Denied in *Ingenico v. IOENGINE*," October 7, 2025
- "PTAB Again Upholds the Heavily Litigated Neo Wireless Patent: What the Latest Decisions Mean for Automakers," September 10, 2025
- "A Line in the Sand: Federal Circuit Bounds IPR Estoppel in *Ingenico v. IOENGINE*," May 12, 2025
- "Breaking Down the Bifurcated PTAB Review Process: What the USPTO's Recent FAQ Drop Reveals," May 1, 2025

- "Federal Circuit Clarifies § 101 Patent Eligibility for Composition-of-Matter Claims," February 19, 2025
- "Patent Eligibility: The Call for Supreme Court Clarity and for an End to Summary Affirmances," February 5, 2025
- "'Egregious Abuse' of the PTAB Process Leads to Adverse Decision Sanctions in IPR Proceeding," May 25, 2023
- "SCOTUS: 'The More a Party Claims for Itself the More it Must Enable,'" May 22, 2023
- "USPTO Issues Guidance on Examination of Generic.com Terms," October 14, 2020
- "Supreme Court to Decide Constitutionality of PTAB Judge Appointments," October 14, 2020
- "USPTO Announces New Pilot Program to Expedite Appeals Process," July 1, 2020
- "USPTO Announces a New Initiative to Provide Applicants Additional Time to Petition for Restoring a Right of Priority or Benefit," June 22, 2020
- "USPTO Announces a New Initiative to Expedite Examination of COVID-19 Related Patent Applications," June 22, 2020
- "COVID-19 Prioritized Examination Pilot Program Now Available for Small and Micro Entities," May 8, 2020
- "USPTO Provides Form for Claiming 30-Day COVID-19 Extensions," May 7, 2020
- "Today's Special: Validity Goulash – Serving Up 101 in the Mechanical Arts," October 7, 2019
- "Federal Circuit Weighs in on Patent Subject-Matter Eligibility of Dietary Supplements," March 21, 2019
- "*En Banc*: Federal Circuit Provides Guidance on Application of On-Sale Bar to Contract Manufacturers," July 13, 2016
- "Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit Sides With PTAB in *Inter Partes* Review Appeal," February 5, 2015
- "USPTO Issues Preliminary Examination Instructions in Light of Alice Corp." June 27, 2014
- "District Court Draws Line on Terminal Disclaimers for IP Owned by Subsidiaries," October 24, 2012
- "What You Need to Know About the New *Inter Partes* Review Process," August 24, 2012
- "What You Need to Know About the New Post-Grant Review Process for U.S. Patents," August 24, 2012

Media Mentions

Squires Jumps Right Into Patent Eligibility Reform

Law360, 10.01.2025

Majesco's \$12 Million Acquisition of InsPro Technologies

Global Legal Chronicle, 02.24.2020

The 2016 IP Hot List

The National Law Journal, 06.06.2016

Vying for the Best in Intellectual Property

Daily Journal, 02.09.2011

Speaking Engagements

Speaker, PatCon 8: The Annual Patent Conference, March 2, 2018, San Diego, CA

Speaker, PatCon 5: The Annual Patent Conference, January 16, 2015, San Diego, CA

Speaker, PatCon 4: The Annual Patent Conference, April 4, 2014, San Diego, CA

Moderator, "Current Developments re Intellectual Property Issues in Insolvency Proceedings," West Legal Education Video, September 28, 2013, Paris, France

Panelist, "Current Legal Problems at the Interface of Intellectual Property Law and Competition Law," West Legal Education Video, May 31, 2013

Moderator, "Look Near First! Capture the Value of Local Outsourcing in Medical Device and Life Science Instrumentation," August 2012, San Diego, CA

Speaker, "Playing The Role of Ostrich or Fox: Which Approach Do You Take with Respect to Competitor Patents?," ACC America, March 30, 2007, San Francisco, CA

Moderator, San Diego Software Industry Council Managing Innovation Conference, 2006.

Speaker, "Responding to IP Threat Letters – It's Your Move," San Diego Bar Association, June 14, 2005

Speaker, "Recent Trends in IP Due Diligence," The VC Roundtable, March 9, 2005

Speaker, "Drafting and Negotiating Non-Disclosure Agreements with Business Partners," ACC America, December 2004, San Diego, CA

GAO Expert Panelist, Foreign Patent Challenges; 2002 Expert Panel Report: "Federal Action Needed to Help Small Businesses Address Foreign Patent Challenges"

Speaker, "Giving Your Intellectual Property Law Department a Tune-Up," ACCA Annual Meeting, October 2001, San Diego, CA

Speaker, "Foreign Patent Prosecution Strategies," AIPLA Spring Meeting, April 2001, San Francisco, CA

Luncheon Speaker/Panelist, "Mentoring in Intellectual Property," AIPLA Spring Meeting, April 2001, San Francisco, CA

Instructor/Sponsor, Legal Module, University of California, Irvine Vantage MBA Program, 2000-2002

Instructor, University of California, San Diego, Intellectual Property for Engineers

Events

Protection of Intellectual Property
Third Thursday Emerging Company Webinar
via WebEx, 05.19.2016

Intellectual Property is a Critical Asset - Learn How to Protect It
Startup Webinar Series
via WebEx, 04.15.2015

Types of Intellectual Property and How to Protect It
Third Thursday Emerging Company Webinar Series
Via WebEx, 03.20.2014

Protection of Intellectual Property: Types of Intellectual Property and How to Protect it
Third Thursday Emerging Company Webinar Series
via WebEx, 05.16.2013

Protection of Intellectual Property
Third Thursday Emerging Company Webinar Series
WebEx, 09.20.2012

Protection of Intellectual Property
Third Thursday Emerging Company Webinars
WebEx, 06.16.2011

Protection of Intellectual Property
Third Thursday Emerging Company Webinars
LiveMeeting, 11.19.2009

Memberships

Member, San Diego Intellectual Property Law Association (SDIPLA)
Member, American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)

Practices

Intellectual Property
False Advertising, Lanham Act and Unfair Competition
IP Licensing, Technology and Commercial Transactions
Patent Litigation
Patent Prosecution and Counseling
Trade Secrets
Trademark Applications and Prosecution

Trademarks and Trade Dress

Technology Transactions

Japan

Post-Grant Proceedings

Industries

Aerospace, Defense & Government Services

Artificial Intelligence

Automotive

Education

Life Sciences

Private Equity

Space & Satellite

Transportation

Education

J.D., University of Maryland School of Law, 1993, *with honors*

M.S., Electrical Engineering, Johns Hopkins University, 1986

B.S., Electrical Engineering, University of Delaware, 1982

Admissions

District of Columbia

State Bar of California

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office