



# Christopher Ruprecht

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## Overview

Christopher Ruprecht has been working in the intellectual property field since 2012, and joined Edell, Shapiro & Finnann in 2022. Holding a degree in Electrical Engineering and related practical work experience, Chris's practice areas include patent portfolio development, portfolio management, counseling, freedom-to-operate, invalidity, infringement analysis and opinions, due diligence, and related matters. Chris focuses his practice on the strategic preparation and prosecution of patent applications, and he has successfully obtained patent protection both domestically and abroad for large corporations and mid-size companies as well as smaller start-up ventures and individuals.

Chris specializes in a wide variety of electrical, computer, and communication technologies, including but not limited to:

- wireless communications systems, including Wi-Fi networks and devices
- telecommunications systems, including cellular networks and mobile devices
- computer hardware and software
- electronic and RF circuitry and devices
- RF, analog, digital, and audio signal processing
- semiconductor fabrication processes and equipment
- power supply, filtration, and management systems

- optical communication networks and optical and laser devices
- imaging devices and related processing and display technologies
- medical devices, including implants and wearables
- multi-functional peripheral devices and printers
- sensors and instrumentation
- control and feedback systems
- antenna design and related signal processing
- navigation, radar, and satellite systems
- IoT related technologies and smart devices
- cloud computing and storage systems
- artificial intelligence/machine learning algorithms & systems

Chris began his career in intellectual property working at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as a Patent Examiner in the fields of computer networks and security, among others. Chris subsequently entered private legal practice and joined a large IP boutique in 2017, where he was involved in patent prosecution and client counseling, followed by a smaller IP boutique in 2020, where he gained further experience working with inventors and in-house counsel to draft and file new patent applications both domestically and abroad. Chris also worked in the IP group of a large general practice firm prior to joining ESF. Before embarking on his career in patent law, Chris was a technical assistant in the energy management and electrical distribution department of a power plant at his undergraduate university.

In his spare time, Chris enjoys playing music, golfing, cycling, snowboarding, cooking, and traveling.

## Education

- J.D., University of Kansas Law School
- B.S., Electrical Engineering, University of Missouri-Columbia

## Admissions

- Missouri Bar
- United States Patent & Trademark Office

## Practice Areas

- Patent Prosecution
- Post Issuance Proceedings

- Counseling & Transactions
- Industrial Design

## Industries

- Electrical Engineering
- Communications and Network Architecture
- Computer and Software Engineering
- Consumer Products
- Mechanical Engineering
- Nanotechnology
- Physics