

Jeffrey N. Costakos

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Jeffrey N. Costakos is a trial and appellate lawyer with over 30 years' experience litigating complex patent and intellectual property cases before courts throughout the United States. Jeff is chair of the firm's Intellectual Property Litigation Practice and a member of the Patent Office Trials Group. He is also a member of the Life Sciences, Medical Device, and Automotive Industry Teams.

Jeff has been lead counsel in dozens of patent litigations spanning technologies as diverse as DNA sequencing and micro-arrays, medical devices, pharmaceuticals, encryption, automotive components, computer algorithms, construction technology, sails and sail making, agricultural genetics, printing, plumbing technology, and oil and gas exploration and blending. He has argued numerous appeals before the Courts of Appeals for the Federal and Seventh Circuits.

Awards and Recognition

- *IAM Patent 1000 – The World's Leading Patent Practitioners*, patent litigation (2020 and 2021)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Litigation – Intellectual Property and Litigation – Patent (2013-2024)
- Best Lawyers® (2019 and 2023) Patent Litigation “Lawyer of the Year” in Milwaukee.

Affiliations

Jeff has been an adjunct professor at the Marquette University Law School, where he taught Intellectual Property Litigation.

Sectors

- [Health Care & Life Sciences](#)
- [Health Tech & Genomics](#)
- [Innovative Technology](#)

Practice Areas



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- Business Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- IP Litigation
- Intellectual Property
- PTAB Trials
- Patent Litigation
- Trademark, Copyright & Advertising Litigation

Education

- Marshall-Wythe School of Law of the College of William and Mary (J.D., 1988)
- Ohio State University (B.S., 1985)
 - Mathematics

Admissions

- Wisconsin
- U.S. Courts of Appeal for the Seventh and Federal Circuits
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office