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John H. Mutchler advises clients on their intellectual property rights with specific experience in patent, trademark and copyright prosecution, patent appeals before the USPTO Patent Trial and Appeal Board, and intellectual property litigation and licensing. He is experienced in and is the author of an article on patent subject matter eligibility for software and artificial intelligence inventions. His practice includes patent prosecution and reexamination proceedings, licensing, U.S. government and private company contracting, copyright and trademark consulting and litigation, portfolio management, and intellectual property due diligence in bankruptcy proceedings, asset purchase and sales agreements, business formation, and mergers and acquisitions.

He has more than 30 years of experience in energy generation, including nuclear power, fuel cells and fossil power; environmental issues and energy conservation; electro-mechanical devices; manufacturing, welding and metal fabrication; research and development; and due diligence and portfolio management.

John is a Professional Engineer, registered to practice in Connecticut. He has been an adjunct professor of law at Western New England University School of Law, Rensselaer Polytechnic University and the University of Hartford, where he taught IP, IP Licensing and Entrepreneurship courses. He is a patent holder as co-inventor of two valve-related system products. John is also a respected and much sought-after presenter who has spoken about all aspects of global intellectual property law, including the protection and enforcement of global trademarks and inventions.

John is a member of our Diversity Equity, Inclusion + Belonging (DEI+B).

Services

- Intellectual Property + Technology
- Intellectual Property Litigation

Education

- Quinnipiac University School of Law (Juris Doctor)
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (Masters)
 - Master of Science, Metallurgy
- Western New England College (Masters)
 - Master of Science, Engineering Management
- Manhattan College (Bachelors)
 - B.S., Mechanical Engineering

Admissions

- State of Connecticut
- U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Recognitions

Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® as Hartford Lawyer of the Year in the area of Copyright Law for 2026

Presented with the Best Mentor Award as part of the *Connecticut Law Tribune's* 2020 Connecticut Legal Awards

Selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the area of Copyright Law since 2021, in the area of Trademark Law for 2026, 2025 and 2024, and in the area of Patent Law for 2026 and 2025

Robinson+Cole Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Award Recipient, 2023

Leadership + Memberships

South Asian Bar Association of North American Foundation

Board Member

Connecticut Bar Association

LGBTQ Section

Intellectual Property Section

South Asian Bar Association of Connecticut

Board of Directors (2021-present)

Treasurer (2022-present)

Member (2017-present)

South Asian Bar Association of Washington, DC

Member

Lawyers Collaborative for Diversity

Board of Directors (2021-2023)

Treasurer (2024-2025)

Association of University Technologies Managers (AUTM)

Member (2023 to present)

Society of Automotive Engineers

Member 2023

Connecticut Quarter Horse Association

Former Member, Board of Directors

Treasurer

Highland Knoll Homeowners Association

Member, Board of Directors, and Treasurer