



Robert T. Maldonado

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Robert T. Maldonado, a trial and appellate intellectual property lawyer and registered patent attorney with more than three decades of experience, is sought out by clients to protect, enforce, and maximize the value of their intellectual property assets. Rob handles litigation, portfolio management, licensing, enforcement, and strategic counseling involving patents, trademarks, copyrights, false advertising, and unfair competition matters. His experience spans a broad range of industries, including fashion, Food + Beverage, software-as-a-service (SaaS) and consumer products. He represents clients before federal trial and appellate courts, the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB), and the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (TTAB).

Rob advises clients, ranging from start-ups and non-profits to global corporations, through the full lifecycle of their intellectual property strategy. He counsels them from clearance and prosecution through registration, renewal and maintenance. He handles portfolio management, licensing, and development of IP enforcement strategies globally. He helps clients obtain trademark, copyright, and patent protection, and provides strategic counseling on patent validity and infringement, and trademark clearance, validity, and infringement. His patent experience includes obtaining U.S. utility and design patents, primarily in the mechanical, material and process arts.

Drawing on decades of experience, Rob brings seasoned judgment and a broad perspective to help clients navigate their most important intellectual property matters.

Services

- Intellectual Property + Technology

Industries

- Food + Beverage

Education

- Stanford University School of Law (Juris Doctor)
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Bachelors)
 - B.S., Mechanical Engineering

Admissions

- State of New York
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 2nd Circuit

- U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Languages

- Spanish

Recognitions

Named a Recommended Attorney for trademark litigation by *World Intellectual Property Review* (2024)

Selected to the New York *Super Lawyers* list from 2012 to 2026

Repeatedly to *World Trademark Review 1000* – The World's Leading Trademark Professionals

Ranked among the top 4% of most active trademark attorneys by Patexia and LexDana from 2023 to 2026

Named to *World Intellectual Property Review's* WIPR Leaders List for 2026

Vision in Action (HNBA/VIA) National Award for Latino Attorney of the Year presented by the Hispanic National Bar Association, 2023

Member of the "IP Team of the Year" at the Luxury Law Awards, 2023

Named a "Top Latino Lawyer" by *Latino Leaders* magazine, 2019

Named among the "Top 25 Most Influential Lawyers in the US" by *Latino Leaders* magazine for 2016 and 2018

Recipient of El Award by El Diario La Prensa, 2013

Named Regional President of the Year by the Hispanic National Bar Association, 2013

Leadership + Memberships

New York Intellectual Property Lawyers Association (NYIPLA)

Copyright Committee, (2025-present)

Hispanic National Bar Association (1999-present)

National President, Hispanic National Bar Association (2015-2016)

National President-Elect, Hispanic National Bar Association (2014-2015)

Regional President, Hispanic National Bar Association (2012-2014)

Chair of LGBT Section, Hispanic National Bar Association (2010-2013)

The Hispanic Lawyers Society of New York (Top 100 Hispanic Lawyers in New York Metro Area)

American Bar Association

Commissioner, Council for Diversity in the Educational Pipeline (2020-present)

Presidential Appointments Committee (2024)

Member, Latin America and Caribbean Law Initiative Council (2024)
Commissioner, Center for Human Rights (2018-2020)
Commissioner, Commission on Hispanic Legal Rights and Responsibilities (2014-2018)

Puerto Rican Bar Association (PRBA)

National LGBT Bar Association

LGBT Law Association Foundation of Greater New York, Inc.
Board Member (2013-2022)

American Bar Foundation
Fellow (2013-present)

MIT Alumni Association
MIT Club of New York

Council of Urban Professionals
CUP Catalyst (2017)

The Litigation Counsel of America
Fellow, Trial Lawyer Honorary Society (2016)

Judicial Conference of the Second Circuit
Member, Programming & Planning Committee (2014)

Association of the Bar of the City of New York
Copyright & Literary Property Committee (1999-2002)
Committee on Land Use Planning and Zoning (1995-1997)