



## Eric D. Blatt

### Associate

Eric D. Blatt's practice encompasses all aspects of patent law, including patent portfolio development, litigation, post-grant proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board, technology transactions, opinions, and counseling. Mr. Blatt handles matters across a wide range of technologies, including electronics, software, machine learning, wireless communications, and medical devices, among others.

Mr. Blatt also advises clients on the intersection of patent law and government data rights, and he has particular expertise in the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program. Mr. Blatt spoke at the 2017 and 2019 SBIR National Conferences on intellectual property strategy for SBIR awardees, and he is a member of the Intellectual Property Committee for the Small Business Technology Council, which is a trade association that focuses on SBIR issues.

Mr. Blatt is a frequent contributor to Rothwell Figg's Emerging Companies resource, RF EMerge. The platform is intended to provide founders with actionable insights on intellectual property and other common legal issues faced by emerging companies.

Prior to joining Rothwell Figg, Mr. Blatt worked for six years as a patent examiner with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). In this role, he gained an inside perspective on the patent procurement process. Mr. Blatt has written extensively on how Patent Office human resource policies influence the examination of patent applications, and the strategic risks and opportunities that those policies present to patent applicants.

Mr. Blatt graduated magna cum laude from the Northwestern Pritzker School of Law. During law school, he was named Best Advocate in the patent-focused Giles Sutherland Rich Memorial Moot Court Competition and earned honors for his thesis analyzing Patent Office policies and statistical trends in patent examination data. Mr. Blatt holds a bachelor's degree in biomedical engineering from Duke University.

### Areas of Concentration

Patent Prosecution

Litigation

Post-Grant Trial Practice



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### Education

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B.S., Biomedical Engineering, Duke University

### Bar Admissions

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
District of Columbia  
Virginia

## Publications & Presentations

SBIR Policy Directive Update Preserves Government Contracting Benefits in Acquisition (2020)

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Panelist, Building Your Business, Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)/Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Spring Innovation Conference (2019)

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