



## Richard E. Waterman\*

Associate

Rick Waterman focuses his practice on all aspects of patent law, including patent litigation, post-grant proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board, patent prosecution, opinions, and counseling. Mr. Waterman's practice covers a broad range of fields, including chemical, biological, and pharmaceutical technologies.

Prior to joining Rothwell Figg, from 2012 to 2015, Mr. Waterman served as a federal law enforcement officer for the Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Customs and Border Protection agency. In that role, he enforced regulations of more than 90 federal agencies to prevent terrorist intrusion, smuggling, immigration violations, and importation of restricted items. He researched and enforced trademarks, copyrights, and licensing through cooperation with corporate intellectual property attorneys. Mr. Waterman also worked as a legal intern in the Transportation Security Administration Office of Chief Counsel where he drafted legal correspondence, researched, and created memoranda on a variety of legal topics, and utilized his background in law enforcement and legal training to revise agency policies for field operatives. Additionally, Mr. Waterman worked as a research assistant and bio-informatics coordinator in the Genetics Department at Washington University in St. Louis, where he created software to evaluate homology of clone sequences across multiple species using protein and DNA sequence comparison, developed multivariable quality control analytics, and gained experience tailoring technical presentations to a variety of non-technical audiences.

Mr. Waterman earned a J.D. with high honors from The George Washington University Law School, where he was a George Washington Scholar, member of The George Washington Law Review, and merit-based Fungler Scholarship recipient. He is also a member of The George Washington University chapter of the Order of the Coif. He received his B.A., summa cum laude, in Chemistry from Washington University in St. Louis. Additionally, Mr. Waterman graduated from U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officer Basic Training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, where he received the Session Leadership Award and the Top Honor Scholar Award.

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### Areas of Concentration

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### Education

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University Law School - 2018 (high  
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B.A., Washington University in St.  
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### Bar Admissions

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