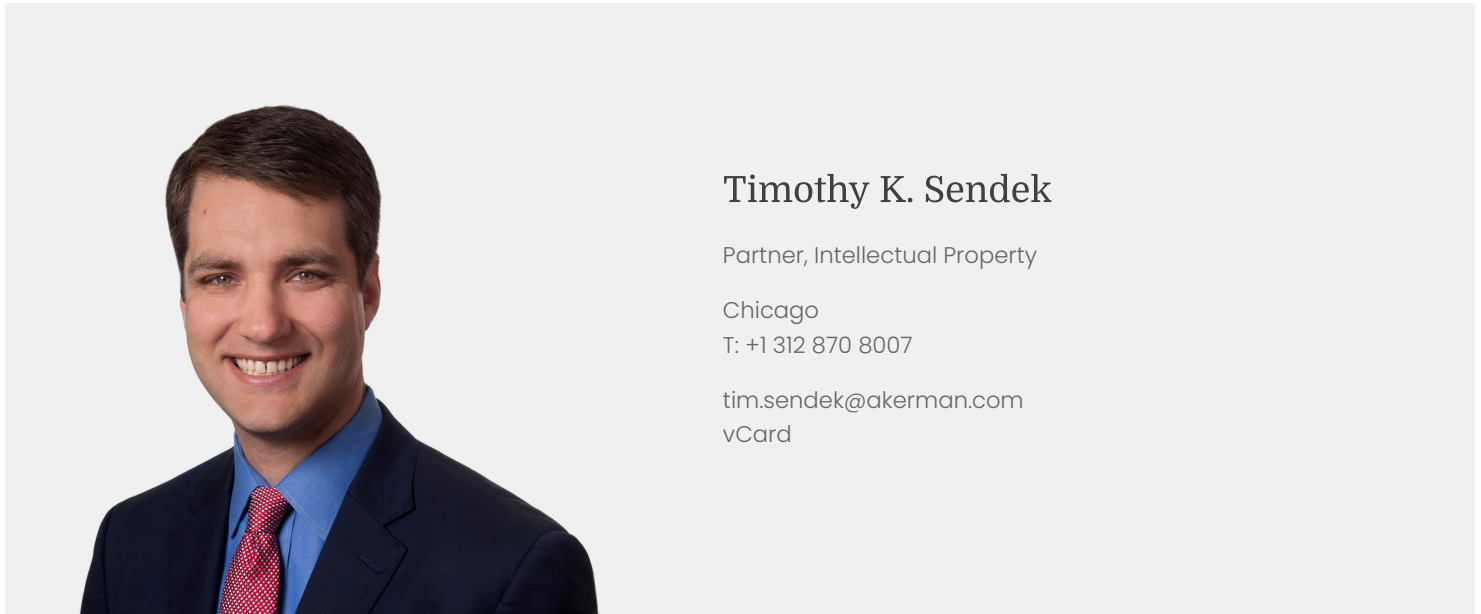


## People



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Timothy Sendek is an experienced trial lawyer focusing on patent, trademark, and copyright disputes in U.S. District Courts, the International Trade Commission (ITC), and at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's Patent Trial and Appeal Board. His experience includes numerous Section 337 trials at the ITC, jury and bench trials in District Court, and patent office litigation, including over 60 *inter partes* review (IPR) proceedings.

A registered patent lawyer with a background in engineering, Tim's practice covers a range of technologies and sectors, including automotive, electronics, food and beverage, and consumer goods. In addition to his litigation experience, Tim advises clients on IP compliance, risk management, counseling, and patent prosecution.

At the Patent Office, Tim has asserted and defended petitions for IPR and other America Invents Act (AIA) post-grant challenges. In addition to practice, Tim teaches patent litigation as an adjunct professor at the University of Illinois College of Law.

Tim is also active in pro bono work. He is a member of the U.S. State Department's Hague Convention Attorney Network and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's International Child Abduction Attorney Network, and is regularly called upon to handle cases reuniting left-behind parents with abducted children.

### Notable Work

**AIA Review Matters:** Represent both plaintiffs and defendants in trials through oral argument and final decisions in AIA post-grant challenges to patent validity at the USPTO. Favorable IPR outcomes have been designated "informative" by the Patent Trial and Appeal Board.

**Software Copyright Matter:** Represented client in obtaining a preliminary injunction in a software copyright matter in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri.

### Areas of Experience

Intellectual Property  
Intellectual Property Litigation

### Education

J.D., Notre Dame Law School, 2007, *cum laude*  
B.S.E., University of Michigan, 2004

### Admissions

#### Bars

Illinois

#### Courts

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois  
U.S. District Court, Central District of Illinois  
U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas  
U.S. District Court, Western District of Michigan

### Related Content

Eleven Akerman Attorneys Recognized Among 2025  
Illinois Super Lawyers  
February 05, 2025

Akerman Attorneys Named IP Stars  
July 10, 2024

Tim Sendek to Moderate Panel on Surviving  
Economic Challenges in Auto Intellectual Property  
May 01, 2024

**Patent Defense:** Represented client in a finding of “no violation” by the defendant of section 337 in a U.S. ITC investigation in which a competitor had asserted four patents.

**Patent Infringement:** Represented client in obtaining a rarely-granted preliminary injunction against a competitor in a patent infringement matter in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

**Cookware Company Trademark Infringement:** Represented a major cookware company in winning a jury verdict of no liability against claims of trademark infringement and unfair competition in U.S. District Court; also won significant damages on counterclaim.

**International Trade Commission:** Represented plaintiff and patentee before the U.S. International Trade Commission in winning exclusion order based on patents covering mobile phone electronics.

**Copyright Infringement:** Represented client in defeating claims of copyright infringement arising out of use of software products on summary judgment with award of attorney’ fees.

## Honors and Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers*, 2023-2025, Listed in Illinois for Litigation – Intellectual Property
- *Managing Intellectual Property*, 2024, Patent Star - Illinois
- U.S. District Court and the Chicago Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, Excellence in Pro Bono Service, May 2019
- *Super Lawyers* Magazine, 2020-2021, 2025, Listed in Illinois for Intellectual Property Litigation
- *Super Lawyers* Magazine, 2013-2017, Listed in Illinois as a “Rising Star” for Intellectual Property

## Affiliations

- Chicago Bar Association
- Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago
- American Bar Association

## Published Work and Lectures

- IAM Live: Auto IP USA 2024, Moderator, “Surviving Economic Challenges,” May 1, 2024
- General Counsel Conference Midwest, Moderator, “Operating in the Gray: Effectively Balancing Tech & Compliance,” April 19, 2023
- Notre Dame Law School, Speaker, “Spring 2021 IP in Practice Series: Program on Intellectual Property and Technology Law,” February 17, 2021
- *Intellectual Property & Technology Law Journal*, Author, “Navigating IPRs and other AIA Reviews as Power Shifts to the USPTO Director,” Volume 32, Number 10, November-December, 2020
- *Law360*, Author, “High Court Makes IPR More Powerful, More Controversial,” April 22, 2020
- DPI Illinois Corporate Innovation Roundtable, Speaker, “What it Takes to Win in Intellectual Property: Business and Legal Strategies,” May 21, 2019
- Practising Law Institute, Speaker, “Ethical Considerations in Data-Centric Business Models in the Connected, Autonomous Realm,”

April 4, 2019

- *Law 360*, Author, “What TC Heartland Could Mean for MDL Panel Patent Cases,” June 27, 2017
- National CLE Conference, Panelist, “The Interplay Between IPRs and Other PTAB Trial Proceedings and Litigation,” January 2017
- *Stafford Publications*, Author, “Leveraging Latest Patent Decisions, Navigating New Complexities, Cases to Watch in 2017,” January 2017
- *Thompson West*, Author, “Designing an Effective Intellectual Property Compliance Program,” (updated annually)
- *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*, Author, “Supreme Court Eliminates Seagate Two-Part Test for Patent Damages,” June 28, 2016
- Intellectual Property Law Conference, John Marshall Law School, Speaker, “Patent Infringement Remedies Issues,” February 2013