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Pierre is a Partner in the firm's Intellectual Property Practice Group and Chair of the Patent Prosecution Practice Group and has over 25 years of experience in patent law with a primary focus on patent litigation and prosecution. Pierre has a sophisticated technological background with a focus on telecommunications, RFID systems, medical electronics and devices, electronic control systems and semiconductor devices.

He has represented clients with complex IP challenges and argued numerous cases at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, first chaired several patent jury trials, worked on over 60 patent litigation cases, and has argued cases at the Patent Trial & Appeal Board.

Pierre received his J.D. with honors from Rutgers University School of Law, where he was admitted to the Order of the Coif. He also received S.M. and S.B. degrees in Electrical Engineering from MIT. Following MIT, he was a Member of the Technical Staff at AT&T Bell Laboratories.

He is fluent in Arabic and speaks conversational German.

Education

- Rutgers School of Law – Newark (J.D.)
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (S.M. Electrical Engineering)
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (S.B. Electrical Engineering)

Bar Admissions

- New York
- New Jersey

Court Admissions

- US Supreme Court
- US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- US District Court (Eastern District of Michigan)
- US District Court (Southern District of New York)
- US District Court (Eastern District of New York)
- US District Court (District of New Jersey)
- United States Patent and Trademark Office

Publications

October 31, 2025

Rail Yard Automation Patents Derailed at Delaware District Court

July 1, 2025

Maybe Obvious, Therefore Ineligible—Another Patent Vaporized Under Alice; An Analysis of Patentable Subject Matter Under P2i Ltd. v. Favored Tech. USA Corp., 2025 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 117967, at *3 (N.D. Cal. June 25, 2025)

June 30, 2025

Bartz v. Anthropic: First Court Decision on Fair Use Defense in LLM Training

May 13, 2025

Driving the Machine Learning Engine is not Enough