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Chethan Srinivasa is a partner and intellectual property lawyer with Foley & Lardner LLP. His practice involves all aspects of patent protection and strategic counseling in electronics and software practice areas including autonomous vehicles, electric vehicles, drones, AI assistants, virtualization, cloud services, networking, content delivery, complex event processing, energy-efficient lighting technologies, cable telecommunications (ingress/egress mitigation techniques), seismic exploration, GPS-enabled instrumentation, LED lighting solutions, conservation voltage reduction systems, and battery technologies. Chethan is a member of the firm's Electronics Practice and the Technology and Automotive Industry Teams. He is also the co-editor of *Dashboard Insights*, the Automotive Industry Team blog.

Previously, Chethan gained experience with an in-house legal department where he performed patent prosecution, drafted, reviewed, and negotiated business agreements, and assisted with litigation in intellectual property, employment and antitrust.

Chethan also interned with the Honorable Marianne B. Bowler, Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, where he did legal research, wrote bench memoranda, and briefed the judge on patent infringement mediations. He has worked with the Massachusetts Attorney's General Office – Department of Business, Technology and Economic Development to prepare policy memoranda on a range of issues affecting businesses in the Commonwealth, including auto insurance regulations, Internet sales tax, data security breaches and debt-collection regulations.

Prior to his legal career, Chethan worked as a radar systems engineer for a large defense company, where he was a subject matter expert on discrimination algorithms for a missile defense system. He also gained experience at mobile software and engineering companies and a transplant immunology research lab.

Chethan has an entrepreneurial background as well. He was a co-founder and chief executive officer for a portal advertising website, and worked as an independent invention researcher.

Representative Experience

Representative Software-Related Patent Work

- Autonomous Vehicles
- Connected Cars
- Autonomous Aerial Vehicle Technology for Defense Industry
- Electric Vehicles, including Battery Management Systems, and Vehicle Dynamics Controllers
- Online Advertising
- Voice-based Assistants in home, TV, auto, and public-setting applications
- Service Delivery Networking Platforms
- Software Defined Radio
- Electronic Medical Records and Electronic Health Insurance Processing
- Remote Monitoring and Management Systems
- Ticketing Systems for IT Support Systems
- Machine Learning and Predictive Analytics Systems
- Cybersecurity
- Social Networking Platform

Representative Electrical Engineering-Related Patent Work

- Electric Vehicles, including Battery Management Systems, and Vehicle Dynamics Controllers
- Advanced Driver-Assistance Systems
- Sensor-Based Vehicle Suspension, Brake, and Steering Control Systems
- LED Drivers and Circuits
- Smart Grid Voltage Optimization Systems
- Utility Grid Security Systems
- Systems, Methods, and Algorithms for Performing Seismic Surveys for Oil Exploration
- Automatically Guided Cutting Tools

Representative Medical Technologies-Related Patent Work

- Brain Entrainment Devices and Systems
- Mesh Fixation Device

Awards and Recognition

- Selected for inclusion to the Massachusetts Rising Stars list by *Super Lawyers Magazine*, which recognizes the top 2.5% of Massachusetts lawyers 40 or younger (2017, 2018, 2020, 2021, 2022)

Affiliations

- Member, Boston Intellectual Property American Inn of Court
- Member, Boston Patent Law Association

Presentations and Publications

- Panelist, “The AI Regulatory Landscape” Ai4 2024 (August 13, 2024)
- Presenter, “BBA Webinar: Friday Fundamentals Series: Basics of Intellectual Property Law” (February 11, 2022)
- Faculty Speaker, “IP Basics and Approach” MIT-HMS Healthcare Innovation Bootcamp (June 20, 2019)
- Speaker, “Intellectual Property Basics and Approach” BioDesign Course at Harvard Medical School (March 26, 2019)
- Emcee, “Emerging Automotive Technologies: tomorrow’s Trends Today” Foley, Boston Office (May 22, 2018)
- Moderator, “Fireside Chat with Dan Harple” Foley, Boston Office (May 22, 2018)
- Co-moderator, “Panel: Autonomous Vehicles IoT” Venture Café Foundation (November 30, 2017)
- Presenter, “IP Law and Practice: What’s New and Why It’s Important To Your Company” New England Corporate Counsel Association seminar (November 2012)
- Panelist, “Diversity and Inclusion – Building Bridges in the New Legal Market” Greater Boston Asian Pacific American Law Student Association Event (January 25, 2014)
- Author, “[How to leverage electric and autonomous patent portfolios during a pandemic](#),” *Automotive World* (May 25, 2021)
- Author, “[Leveraging E/AV Patent Portfolios During a Pandemic](#),” *Foley’s Dashboard Insights* and *Foley’s Manufacturing Industry Advisor* (April 13, 2021)
- Co-author, “[Top Legal Issues Facing the Automotive Industry in 2021](#)” *Foley’s Dashboard Insights Manufacturing Industry Advisor* (March 9, 2021)
- Co-author, “[How Are Electric / Autonomous Vehicle Patent Filings Correlated With Funding Events?](#)” *Dashboard Insights* (September 24, 2020)
- Co-author, “[Top Legal Issues Facing the Automotive Industry in 2020](#)” *Dashboard Insights* (February 12, 2020)
- Author, “[Driving the Future of Automotive Technology](#)” *Dashboard Insights* (December 12, 2019)
- Author, “[Hedging Against An Uncertain Timeline for AV Market Adoption](#)” *Dashboard Insights* (July 23, 2019)
- Author, “[The Challenges of Patenting Autonomous Vehicle AI and Software](#)” *Dashboard Insights* (June 27, 2019)
- Author, “[They Started It!](#)” *Dashboard Insights* (May 30, 2019)
- Author, “[A Patent War Without Fighting?](#)” *Dashboard Insights* (May 07, 2019)
- Author, “[Navigating the Road Ahead ... Are You Ready?](#)” *Dashboard Insights* (February 14, 2019)
- Author, “[Intellectual Property Considerations for Autonomous Vehicle Technology Startups and Automotive Suppliers](#)” *2019 Foley Automotive White Paper* (January 23, 2019)
- Author, “[Concordant Crossroads: Regulation and Innovation in the Automotive Industry](#)” *Manufacturing Industry Advisor* (January 3, 2019)
- Co-author, “[How Can You Safely Discuss Your IP With Others?](#)” *Emerging Company Exchange* (July 21, 2015)

- Co-author, “5 Intellectual Property Considerations for Startups – Part II” *Emerging Company Exchange* (December 9, 2014)
- Co-author, “5 Intellectual Property Considerations for Startups – Part I” *Emerging Company Exchange* (December 2, 2014)

Sectors

- Artificial Intelligence
- Cloud Computing Infrastructure & Solutions
- Digital Assets, Web3 & NFTs
- Innovative Technology
- Non-Fungible Tokens (NFTs)

Practice Areas

- Electronics
- Intellectual Property

Education

- Northeastern University School of Law (J.D., 2011)
 - Chair, Intellectual Property Society
 - President, Asian Pacific American Law Students Association
 - Treasurer, National Asian Pacific American Law Students Association
- The University of Massachusetts Amherst (B.S., cum laude, 2005)
 - Electrical Engineering and minor in Math
 - Officer positions, Tau Beta Pi and Eta Kappa Nu

Admissions

- Massachusetts
- United States Patent and Trademark Office