

Biography of Richard Torczon

Richard Torczon is senior counsel in the Washington, D.C., office of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, where he is a member of the patent litigation practice.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Torczon was an Administrative Patent Judge at the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB), where, since 1996, he worked on patent trials and appeals. During his tenure at the PTAB, he wrote more than a thousand opinions and orders on patent appeals, petitions, motions, and briefs. Mr. Torczon was an early member of the interference trial section and authored many of the PTAB's rules. He has experience in the full spectrum of technologies reviewed by the PTAB, including computer-based inventions, biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, chemicals and medical devices, and plant and design patents.

Before serving as a judge, Mr. Torczon was an associate solicitor in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's (USPTO's) Office of the Solicitor, where he represented the USPTO on patent and trademark matters, particularly before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Additionally, Mr. Torczon was an Honors Attorney at the U.S. Department of Commerce, and prior to joining the government, he worked at the Adachi International Patent Law firm in Nagoya, Japan.

Mr. Torczon is president-elect of the Association of American Patent

Judges, a nonprofit association to promote education about and preserve the history of the Patent Trial and Appeal Board.

Education

J.D., University of Texas School of Law

M.S., Biotechnology, Johns Hopkins University

B.A., Computer Science, Rice University

Admissions

Bar of the District of Columbia

State Bar of Texas

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

U.S. Supreme Court