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Chris Gaspar is a partner in the New York office of Milbank LLP and a member of the firm's Litigation & Arbitration Group, with a focus on intellectual property.

Primary Focus & Experience

Mr. Gaspar's intellectual property litigation and counseling practice includes a broad range of technologies and products in fields such as biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, computer/electrical, communication networks and infrastructure, financial services, market data, and medical devices. He has considerable experience in every substantial aspect of US district court, appellate court, International Trade Commission, and state court practice in intellectual property litigation, including patents, copyrights, trademarks, trade dress, and trade secrets. He has served as lead counsel to some of the world's largest companies in their highest-stakes matters.

Mr. Gaspar also guides clients on a wide array of intellectual property issues arising in M&A, financing, and financial restructuring transactions. He has also obtained patents, copyrights, and trademarks, and counsels on the protection of trade secrets in various industries.

Mr. Gaspar is an active member of the Intellectual Property Owners Association, the American Intellectual Property Law Association, and the New York Intellectual Property Law Association. Before law school, Mr. Gaspar was an engineer for Boeing Commercial Airplanes designing flight-control and autopilot computer systems for the 777.

Recognition & Accomplishments

In 2025, Mr. Gaspar was named to the 2025 *IAM Strategy 300: The World's Leading IP Strategists* guide. He has been ranked each year as a "Patent Star" in the *Managing Intellectual Property* IP Star rankings and has repeatedly been recognized as a leading practitioner by *IAM Patent 1000*. Since 2023, Mr. Gaspar has been ranked in *IAM Patent 1000*'s Gold Band: "[Chris] is the go-to resource for patent litigation diligence, strategy and structuring work. Chris has a wealth of experience litigating patents on both sides, which makes his perspective very balanced when it comes to evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of any litigation" (*IAM Patent 1000* 2025).

Mr. Gaspar is consistently recognized by *Benchmark Litigation* and *Legal 500* as one of the leading lawyers in America for intellectual property and patent litigation. From 2022-2025, he has been featured in *Lawdragon's* 500 Leading Litigators in America guide. In 2025, he was included in the 2025 New York Metro *Super Lawyers* list for intellectual property and business litigation.

Mr. Gaspar is a frequent lecturer on IP and patent law, including invited speeches for the American Intellectual Property Law Association, Intellectual Property Owners Association, Association of the Bar of the City of New York, the US Patent and Trademark Office, and others. His articles have been published in the *American Intellectual Property Law Quarterly Journal*, *New York Law Journal*, *Intellectual Property Today*, and elsewhere.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

EDUCATION

- University of Iowa College of Law, J.D., with high distinction
- Iowa State University, B.S., Aerospace Engineering

ADMISSIONS

- New York
- US Supreme Court
- US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- US District Court for the Southern District of New York
- US District Court for the District of Colorado
- US District Court for the Western District of Missouri
- US Patent and Trademark Office

EXPERIENCE

Appellate

Corporate Data Privacy and Information Security

General Commercial Litigation

Intellectual Property

Litigation & Arbitration

Biotechnology

Electronics, Computers and Semiconductors

Pharmaceuticals

Retail

Technology

United States

FEATURED NEWS

A Win for AI Developers? *Getty Images v. Stability AI*

Milbank Lawyers, Practices Recognized in *Benchmark Litigation* 2026 US Guide

24 Milbank Partners Featured in 2026 *Lawdragon* Leading Litigators in America Guide

Milbank Intellectual Property Partner Chris Gaspar Recognized in *IAM Strategy*
300 2025 Guide

Milbank's IP Practice and Partners Recognized in the 2025 *IAM Patent 1000*
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