

Vivian Sandoval

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Vivian is a strategic litigator with a rare combination of engineering experience and sophisticated intellectual property practice. She represents clients in complex disputes involving patents, trademarks, trade secrets, trade dress, and copyrights in state and federal courts and before the International Trade Commission (ITC) and Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB).

Known for translating technical concepts into effective legal strategy, Vivian advises clients from pre-suit investigation through trial across a range of industries and technologies, including software, mechanical, and medical technologies.

Before joining RSHC, Vivian focused on patent prosecution, counseling, transactions, and litigation, while also handling consumer class actions, breach of contract disputes, and healthcare abuse and compliance matters.

Vivian is also an active leader in the legal community, having held leadership positions with HLAI – Serving Hispanic Lawyers in Illinois, the American Bar Association Intellectual Property Law Section, and CHIPs.



CREDENTIALS

Education

University of California College of the Law, San Francisco (formerly UC Hastings), J.D., 2019
Startup Legal Garage, Student Associate - Patent Module
Individual Representation Clinic, Certified Law Clerk - Employment law
Hastings Business Law Journal, Executive Production Editor
University of Illinois at Chicago, B.S., Bioengineering, 2014
Tau Beta Pi, Engineering Honor Society
Alpha Eta Mu Beta, National Biomedical Engineering Honor Society
Honors College

Bar Admissions

Illinois
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office



Professional Memberships

ChIPs, Chicago Chapter
Event Planning Committee
HLAI – Serving Hispanic Lawyers in Illinois
American Bar Association
Intellectual Property Law Section
Hispanic National Bar Association

Honors & Awards

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch (Patent Law and Litigation - Intellectual Property, 2025) *Best Lawyers®*
Top 100 Best Performing ITC Attorneys, *Patexia* (2024-2025)
ELLA Leadership Program, *Hispanic National Bar Association* (2025)
Young Lawyer of the Year, *Hispanic Lawyers of Illinois* (2024)
NEXT Advocates Mock Hearing Program, *International Trade Commission Trial Lawyer's Association (ITCTLA)* (2024)
Scholar, *Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD)* (2017)

Languages Spoken & Fluency

Spanish, Fluent

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

“Shifting Tides in Patent Litigation: Key Developments for 2026 and Beyond,” (co-author) *RSHC Client Alert* (September 2, 2026)