

Lead Patent Counsel

(Menlo Park, CA)

Facebook was built to help people connect and share, and over the last decade our tools have played a critical part in changing how people around the world communicate with one another. With over a billion people using the service and more than fifty offices around the globe, a career at Facebook offers countless ways to make an impact in a fast growing organization.

Facebook seeks a highly motivated, team player to serve as Lead Patent Counsel. This position will help manage the patent portfolio activities for certain of our technology areas and report to the Associate General Counsel, Patents. You must have the ability to operate independently in a fast-paced environment and work proactively with various teams across the organization including Legal, Product, and Engineering. This is a great opportunity to join a growing legal team and work on cutting-edge issues in an exciting, fast-paced environment.

Responsibilities

- Manage patent portfolio and related activities for multiple product/technology areas, including invention identification and harvesting, invention disclosure meetings, portfolio mining, patent application preparation, and prosecution by outside patent counsel.
- Work with legal, product, and engineering teams to identify and protect patentable products, services, and technologies
- Understand Facebook's strategic and competitive position and think at a high level about portfolio strategy
- Train and educate product and engineering teams in intellectual property matters
- Support patent licensing, acquisition and litigation activities

Requirements

- 7+ years of patent prosecution experience in relevant area
- In-house portfolio building/management experience preferred
- Must be proactive, self-directed, detail oriented, organized, and have exceptional communication skills
- Strong understanding of web technologies, social products/technologies/platforms, mobile space
- Experience with patent licensing, valuation and acquisition a plus
- JD required
- BS or MS in Computer Science or equivalent
- State bar membership
- Eligible to practice before the US Patent and Trademark Office
- Sense of humor (for real)