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Sujit Kotwal focuses on strategic counseling and patent portfolio development, with an emphasis on software and computer-related technologies. With more than 25 years of patent law experience, Sujit has counseled a diverse set of clients including individual inventors, start-ups, and small- mid- and large-sized companies, including *Fortune* 500 companies. From 2013 to 2016, Sujit served as the co-team leader of Kilpatrick's Electronics and Software Practice, one of the largest patent prosecution practice groups in the United States.

Sujit I helps build value for his clients by developing strategic business-focused patent portfolios both within the U.S. and internationally. Over the years, he has worked with a broad spectrum of technologies including technologies related to artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML), networking architectures and protocols, cloud computing services, chatbots, natural language understanding/processing (NLU/NLP) systems, autonomous vehicles/machines, security and access control systems, big data processing and analysis, social networking systems, multimedia and image processing, computer graphics and animation, user experience/interfaces (UX/UI), IoT/E technologies, business intelligence (BI) solutions, database systems, storage technologies, bioinformatics, and others. With the growing importance of AI/ML related technologies, Sujit has given several presentations on best practices for protecting inventions in the AI/ML space.

Sujit is adept at quickly developing a deep understanding of his client's technology and developing patent portfolios with a view towards achieving the client's business and market goals. He makes the entire patent prosecution process a smooth and rewarding experience for the engineers and technologists he works with. He has extensive experience managing teams of patent attorneys and agents – consistently delivering high-quality products for his clients. His clients entrust Sujit with their most strategic and complex technologies.

Sujit is also experienced in preparing patent non-infringement and validity opinions, performing due diligence studies, and handling reexamination and reissue proceedings before the U.S. Patent Office for his clients. Sujit

has also been involved in various stages of patent litigation. Multiple patents prosecuted by Sujit have been asserted, resulting in favorable judgments for his clients. Prior to joining the legal profession, Sujit worked as a software engineer/architect in Silicon Valley for five years. Sujit still considers himself a techie-at-heart.

Sujit was named a top patent practitioner in 2026 and the seven years immediately preceding by *IAM Patent 1000 – The World's Leading Patent Practitioners*.

Education

Santa Clara University School of Law J.D. (1997)

Santa Clara University B.S. (1991) Computer Engineering, *cum laude*, Tau Beta Pi, Upsilon Pi Epsilon

Admissions

California (1998)

Court Admissions

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (1998)

Professional & Community Activities

American Bar Association, Member

San Francisco Intellectual Property Law Association (SFIPLA), Member

Insights

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