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A leading intellectual property lawyer with a pragmatic perspective, Edward helps companies acquire, enforce and fully exploit their intellectual property assets across industries.

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Overview

Edward is the co-leader of the firm's Intellectual Property and Food and Drug Regulatory practices. In addition to advising on issues relating to patent procurement and portfolio management, Edward is also involved in negotiating and crafting intellectual property, technology transfer, software, and other technology-related licenses and agreements.

Edward is a registered patent agent in Canada and the United States and a trademark agent in Canada.



Edward Fan is an outstanding patent lawyer with keen commercial awareness and a deep knowledge of domestic and international patent prosecution.

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Featured Work

National Shipbuilding Strategy

Torys acted as counsel to Government of Canada, as the public authority, in its National Shipbuilding Strategy (NSS), a long-term project to renew Canada's federal fleet of combat and non-combat vessels and Canada's largest procurement initiative to date

C\$2.585 billion acquisition of MD Financial Management

Torys acted as counsel to Scotiabank in its C\$2.585 billion acquisition of MD Financial Management Inc. from the Canadian Medical Association

Bank of Montreal in its acquisition of the AIR MILES Reward business of LoyaltyOne, Co. as part of its restructuring proceedings under the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act

CIBC in its acquisition of the existing Canadian Costco credit card portfolio, as well as the negotiation of a long-term co-branded credit card agreement to become the exclusive issuer of Costco Mastercards in Canada

Hydrogenics in its US\$290 million sale to Cummins Inc.

Resource Well Completion in its successful defence against a patent infringement action brought by Packers Plus Energy Services Inc. and Rapid Completions LLC before the Federal Court concerning certain patents relating to fracturing technology

Perk in its acquisition of the Viggie app and related assets from Viggie Inc. (now Function(x) Inc.)

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Recognition and Awards

2020-2027 *Chambers Canada*—Leading lawyer in intellectual property

2020-2026 *Chambers Global*—Leading lawyer in intellectual property

2020-2026 *The Legal 500*—Leading partner in intellectual property

2022-2025 *IAM Global Leaders Guide*—Canada

2020-2025 *IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Practitioners*—Highly recommended in prosecution and transactions; recommended in trade secrets

2019-2026 *Managing IP's IP Stars*—Patent star

2023 *Managing IP Awards*—Canadian Practitioner of the Year (Transactions)

2024-2025 *World Trademark Review 1000*—Recommended lawyer in trademarks

2014-2026 *Best Lawyers in Canada*—Leading lawyer in intellectual property law

2018, 2022-2026 *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*—Leading lawyer in intellectual property, information technology and technology transactions

Insights

Ask an IP litigator: patent trolls

How to respond to legal threats.

Torys on defence: the role of life sciences in Canada's defence capabilities

A new era of innovation in Canada: AI

Acquiring AI: considerations for representations and warranties in transaction documents

What will Trump's tariffs mean for Canadian life sciences businesses?

Canada's new patent term adjustment regime has been adopted

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News

83% of Torys' Canadian partners are recognized in *Chambers Canada 2027*

Congratulations to our ranked lawyers and practice groups on earning industry-leading recognition, including 19 Band 1 rankings.

Managing IP Americas Awards recognizes Edward Fan

Congratulations to partner and co-leader of the firm's Intellectual Property practice Edward Fan for being named the Practitioner of the Year (Transactions) for the second time.

Best Lawyers recognizes 177 Torys lawyers in its 2027 guide

Unity Health secures \$100 million in federal funding to advance VITAL platform across Canada

Chambers Canada ranks 81% of Torys' Canadian partners in its 2026 guide

176 Torys lawyers recognized in the 2026 Best Lawyers guide

Torys' strength in patent law recognized by Managing IP

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Professional Involvement

Edward was an adjunct professor at Osgoode Hall Law School (York University), where he co-developed and taught a new course to Osgoode Hall students, Legal Values: Commercializing Intellectual Property. He is also a regular guest lecturer to industry groups and professional organizations.

Prior to his legal career, Edward was a certified DB2 database administrator and application developer. He is a member of the American Intellectual Property Law Association, the Intellectual Property Institute of Canada and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

Education and Bar Admissions

Education

JD, 2001

University of Toronto, Faculty of Law

BSc (Electrical Engineering), 1998

Queen's University

Bar Admissions

Ontario, 2002