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Anni structures patent portfolios for technology companies—from early-stage startups to established tech leaders—turning complex innovations into defensible IP assets that protect market position and drive valuation.

Anni works across the full patent lifecycle to give technology clients durable protection for their most critical innovations. Whether a company is building its first portfolio or defending against an inter partes review (IPR) petition before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB), Anni develops strategies tied directly to each client's commercial objectives—not just their technical disclosures.

Her prosecution work spans AI, telecommunications, user interface implementations, medical and consumer devices, and chemical compositions and materials science innovations. That technical range allows Anni to draft claims with an eye toward competitor product roadmaps and future licensing pathways, not just the invention at hand.

Anni also supports clients in high-stakes patent litigation before the USPTO's Patent Trial and Appeals Board (PTAB), as well as district court and International Trade Commission contributing to technical analysis, prior art evaluation, and claim construction support. On the transactional side, she conducts freedom-to-operate (FTO) analyses and IP due diligence for clients approaching product launches or corporate investments, surfacing infringement risk and portfolio valuation issues before they become liabilities.

To keep portfolios aligned with where a client's technology is actually heading, Anni leads invention harvest sessions directly with engineering and R&D teams, converting early-stage concepts into applications with long-term strategic value.

Select Experience

Patent Prosecution

- Drafted and prosecuted strategic patent portfolios for leading technology companies

Education

- Santa Clara University School of Law (J.D., 2023)
- University of Jyväskylä (Ph.D., 2010)
- University of Jyväskylä (M.Sc., 2006)

Bar Admissions

- Washington
- United States Patent and Trademark Office

and startups, securing foundational coverage for a variety of technologies before the USPTO.

Post-Grant Proceedings

- Co-authored winning invalidation petitions in inter partes review (IPR) proceedings before the USPTO Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB), successfully neutralizing hostile patent assertions against key client technologies.*

Strategic Claim Development

- Designed and executed tactical claim strategies targeting competitor product roadmaps for a mid-sized software company, expanding portfolio monetization pathways and increasing acquisition valuation.*

Patent Litigation Support

- Provided technical analysis, prior art evaluation, and claim construction support in complex patent litigation before the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) and U.S. District Courts, contributing to favorable settlements.*

*Experiences occurred prior to joining Dorsey.

Languages

- Finnish