

Overview

Founded in 2007, JONES ROBB, PLLC is a boutique patent law firm located in the Washington, D.C. metro area. All the firm's attorneys are registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), and many have decades of patent legal experience, including in large law firms, in Fortune 500 legal departments, and/or as former patent examiners. The broad and diverse technical experience of our attorneys encompasses a vast array of disciplines, allowing us to provide patent legal services in a variety of technologies and industries, both in the US and around the world, including:

- AI/smart technology
- autonomous vehicle technology
- chassis and suspension structures
- chemical processes
- control systems
- displays
- electrical engineering
- energy and power
- exhaust systems
- imaging
- life sciences
- mechanical engineering
- materials science
- medical devices
- optics
- physics
- satellite systems
- software/data processing
- robotics
- telecommunications

Our legal services are wide-ranging and include domestic and international patent preparation and prosecution; global patent portfolio development with a view to strategic enforcement; post-grant proceedings; freedom-to-operate opinions; patentability, validity, enforceability, and infringement opinions; due diligence investigations; and licensing.

With a dedicated focus on patent preparation, prosecution, and counseling services, we have established a proven process that offers big firm scale while also delivering a more personalized, flexible, and affordable experience. We utilize technology, automation, and workflow processes that reduce costs to our clients and ensure quality in our work product. Automation is key to areas such as docketing and form assembly, as well as saving time on repeatable tasks and allowing attorneys to concentrate on substantive strategies and issues.

Finally, Jones Robb is committed to a culture of diversity and inclusion within our workplace. Our firm has been certified as Women's Business Enterprise by the Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC) since 2010. Our commitment to diversity extends beyond our ownership and management. We are dedicated to hiring, training, and retaining high-quality personnel while maintaining a diverse workforce. In addition, we strive to foster relationships with both suppliers and clients that share these core values.

Company Information:

Industry codes

NAICS 541110 – Offices of Lawyers

D-U-N-S Number: 794064696

CAGE Code: 4Q301

Industries Represented

Fortune 500/Venture-Backed companies in Alternative Energy, Analytical Instruments, Communications, Consumer Products, Data Processing, Displays, Document Management, Imaging, Life Sciences, Medical Devices, Packaging, Robotics, Satellites, Telecommunications.

Awards & Designations

IAM 1000 – World class leading patent prosecution firm for years 2016-2020, including individual recognition for firm partners, Elizabeth Burke, Susanne Jones, and Kevin Robb

WBENC – Women-Owned Business Entity (WBE)

Women Owned Law – Founder’s Circle Partner

What Clients Say About Jones Robb

“Jones Robb has been one of our trusted outside counsel for about a decade now, helping Sprint to develop a high-quality patent portfolio,” says Steve Funk, Senior Intellectual Property Counsel at Sprint. “In addition to the expertise a firm offers, its diversity initiatives are also an important consideration for us when procuring legal services. But it is often difficult for Sprint to find diverse law firms specializing in intellectual property law. The Jones Robb law firm has exceeded our expectations regarding IP legal expertise and law firm diversity.”

“The people to call when you need to navigate round tough obstacles at the USPTO.”
“Closers who can pick up a seemingly doomed patent application and get an allowance.”
IAM Patent 1000: The World’s Leading Patent Professionals in 2020

“With its close ties with the examiner corps, sure touch in interviews and ability to overcome 101 rejections, it is a go-to for consistent success in getting applications over the finish line.”
IAM Patent 1000: The World’s Leading Patent Professionals in 2019

“Patent boutique Jones Robb makes good on its promises of quality and value.”
“Experienced professionals offer[] a tailored service while utilizing technology effectively to drive efficiencies.”
IAM Patent 1000: The World’s Leading Patent Professionals in 2018

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Diversity and Inclusion at Jones Robb, PLLC

Having been founded by women, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion are in our firm's DNA. Although we are a small firm, we focus a significant amount our resources on fostering diversity and inclusion initiatives both internally and through various outreach efforts. Our diversity extends through all ranks of our firm, from ownership and leadership, to attorneys, staff, and interns. Sixty percent (60%) of our current attorneys are women and minorities. Our Executive Office Administrator, an integral part of the firm's leadership team and the person that oversees the firm's hiring process, is an African American woman. Two of the three firm partners are female.

Jones Robb is a proud WBENC-certified diverse supplier, one of a small number of women-owned and operated law firms in the country specializing in patent law. In its 13+ year history, and as one of the earliest certified patent boutique law firms, Jones Robb has led the necessary discussions and need for disruption to the lack of diversity in our industry through sponsorship of and participation in various speaking engagements and industry events. Jones Robb is a proud Founder's Circle Sponsor of Women Owned Law (WOL), an industry organization committed to supporting women entrepreneurs in the law in their business endeavors. In addition to our experience and client-centered workflow, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion have been the linchpins to our success. Our initiatives start at the recruitment level, our RPO partner is a Woman and Minority Owned business entrusted with targeting recruitment efforts to ensure the inclusion of diverse candidates for all positions within the firm.

Each summer we host a [summer internship program](#) where we invite local high school students and college students to learn more about the patent law profession. In an effort to advance women in STEM, our program typically aims to include at least two women. In recent years, our intern classes have been comprised of about 75% women and/or minorities.

In addition to efforts to ensure our firm is a diverse and inclusive workplace, we strive to work with and support other diverse enterprises. Several of our suppliers, including our RPO partner, are women-owned and/or minority-owned businesses.

In 2019, Jones Robb was a proud sponsor of the [Women in Law & IP Summit](#) in Seattle, Washington, as well as the Networking Brunch hosted by the Women in IP Committee at the [IPO annual meeting, and the firm has sponsored similar events in the past for the ABA Annual IP Meeting](#). In 2020, Jones Robb was a sponsor for the virtual [Women in Law & IP Summit](#). Jones Robb routinely donates to charities that benefit women and those that promote women and minorities in STEM including, for example, [Doorways for Women and Families](#) and [The National GEM Consortium](#).

In view of the ongoing national and worldwide protests focusing on police reform and ensuring equality and justice for African Americans in our country and as members of a profession that at its heart is a defender of the right of liberty and justice for all, Jones Robb's leadership believes it has a heightened responsibility to provide support where it can to contribute to initiatives that seek to ensure equal protection under the law and to promote diversity and inclusion of all individuals. We donated to the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund (<https://www.naacpldf.org>) and the Neighborhood Legal

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Services Program of DC (<http://www.nlsp.org/>), and contributed to the sponsorship of the American Bar Association's 2020 Thurgood Marshall Award Celebration, which honored Marian Wright Edelman as the award recipient this year (<https://www.americanbar.org/groups/crsj/awards/crsj-thurgood-marshall-award/sponsorship-opportunities/>).

Aside from our commitment to promote diversity and inclusion relating to gender, race, and sexual orientation, we also believe it is important to foster diversity and inclusion on a broader level, recognizing the differing perspectives each individual may have due to their differing circumstances, such as socio-economic background and mental or physical health. Recently, Jones Robb sponsored activities to increase awareness of and to promote the mental health of our employees for Mental Health Awareness Month. To encourage our employees to focus on their health and to provide an immediate "feel-good" benefit for doing so, Jones Robb hosted a firmwide fitness challenge, "Step Out to Stamp Out COVID-19 Challenge for Charity." Minutes of physical activity accrued by firm employees during the month of May were converted by the firm to a financial donation to Food for Others and NAMI, providing an opportunity for the firm and its team to understand and reflect upon the diverse financial circumstances and challenges many in the world face. Each year, our firm also participates in the Salvation Army Angel Tree gift drive, a highlight for many of our team members.

Firm's current diversity metrics:

1. Ownership: 67% Women Owned
2. Executive Leadership Team: 75% Women, 25% African American
3. Attorneys: 60% females and minorities
4. Staff: 70% females and minorities

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