RMKB offers the entire range of patent-related services to its clients. These services include the representation of inventors in the prosecution of patent applications before the United States Patent & Trademark Office and the licensing of patent rights both before and after a patent has been issued. We have represented both plaintiffs and defendants in asserting or defending patent infringement claims in litigation. These cases involve both design and utility patents and include inventions such as food and beverage processing devices, paint application devices, the ornamental design of automobile components, utility patents involving electronic circuitry, as well as high-technology patent disputes involving DNA replication technology and telecommunications devices.

**Representative Experience**

**Attorneys:** Lael D. Andara  
**Key Issues:** Patent Infringement  
**Venue:** USDC: Northern District of California  
**Client Type:** Plaintiff Manufacturer  
**Description:** Defended a manufacturer in an action for patent infringement arising out of the defendants’ manufacture and sale of fans used by computer models with integrated LEDs.  
**Result:** The case was eventually dismissed through effective litigation against the defendant's assertions that the plaintiff's patent was invalid.

**Attorneys:** Lael D. Andara  
**Key Issues:** Patent Infringement  
**Venue:** USDC: Northern District of Ohio  
**Client Type:** Defendant Metal Tool Manufacturer  
**Description:** Defended a metal tool manufacturer in an action for patent infringement that was venued in the Western District of Ohio, and involved competing manufacturers of metal cutting and shaping tools known as end-mills.  
**Result:** While motions for summary judgment were pending, the plaintiff dismissed the lawsuit against our
clients with prejudice, and provided our clients with a life-of-the-patent license at no cost. We proceeded to file an action for malicious prosecution in the District Court in California, and that matter is now pending review by the Ninth Circuit.

**Attorneys:** Lael D. Andara  
**Key Issues:** Patent Infringement  
**Venue:** USDC: Eastern District of Pennsylvania  
**Client Type:** Defendant Manufacturer  
**Description:** Represented the defendant, a manufacturer, in a case in which our client was accused of infringing a patent for cooling devices used in personal computers.  
**Result:** During a five day jury trial, the panel submitted a mixed verdict which found that all of the patents dependent claims were invalid but that the independent claims were not. This matter is pending appeal in the Federal Circuit Court.

**Attorneys:** Arnold E. Sklar  
**Key Issues:** Patent Infringement  
**Venue:** Federal Circuit Court of Appeals  
**Client Type:** Defendant Handbag Manufacturer  
**Description:** Defended a handbag manufacturer in a copyright infringement lawsuit.  
**Result:** The district court granted summary judgment in favor of the defendant on the basis that the defendant’s accused product predates the invention. The decision was reversed on appeal, finding that the plaintiff had met its burden of showing a genuine issue of fact as to the validity of the patent.

**Attorneys:** François G. Laugier  
**Key Issues:** Patent Transfer  
**Client Type:** University Professor  
**Description:** Negotiated for a Berkeley University professor’s transfer of patented technology to a publicly-traded company.

**Attorneys:** Michael J. Ioannou, Lita M. Verrier  
**Key Issues:** Patent; Trademark Infringement  
**Venue:** USDC: Northern District of California  
**Client Type:** Defendant Software Company  
**Description:** Represented the defendant, a software company, in this patent, trademark and related torts action involving the sale of software that allegedly infringed both patents and trademarks of the plaintiff.  
**Result:** A favorable settlement was reached after obtaining evidence of fraud from the U.S. Patent & Trademark
Office on the part of the plaintiff.

**Attorneys:** Michael J. Ioannou  
**Key Issues:** Patent Infringement  
**Client Type:** Defendant Software Manufacturer  
**Description:** The plaintiff claimed our client, the defendant software manufacturer, was responsible for software patent infringement.

**Result:** The case settled favorably for our client.

**Attorneys:** Michael J. Ioannou  
**Key Issues:** Patent Infringement  
**Venue:** USDC: District of Arizona  
**Client Type:** Defendant Semiconductor Manufacturer  
**Description:** Currently representing the defendant, a leader in the design and selling of semiconductor products, in the largest patent infringement case in the United States. The case involves more than 800 defendants/alleged infringers in lawsuits all over the country related to bar code/auto ID patents.

**Attorneys:** Lael D. Andara  
**Key Issues:** Patent Infringement  
**Venue:** USDC: Northern District of California  
**Client Type:** Plaintiff Manufacturer  
**Description:** Represented the plaintiff, a manufacturer, in an action for patent infringement involving competing manufacturers of integrated electric servo motors used in motion control applications such as robots and assembly lines.

**Result:** The court modified its injunction, issued additional sanctions and the matter was resolved shortly thereafter.

**Attorneys:** Michael J. Ioannou, Lita M. Verrier  
**Key Issues:** Patent Infringement  
**Venue:** USDC: Northern District of California  
**Client Type:** Defendant Furniture Reseller  
**Description:** Represented the defendant, a furniture reseller, in a patent infringement action related to a computer keyboard.

**Result:** A favorable settlement was reached for our client.