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Benjamin J. Hodges and Robert R. Teel Recognized in IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Practitioners

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Foster Garvey is proud to announce that [Benjamin J. Hodges](#) and [Robert R. Teel](#) have been named to the 2026 edition of [IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Practitioners](#). Ben earns this recognition for the first time, while Rob is named for the sixth consecutive year.

Published annually, the IAM Patent 1000 identifies the firms and individuals regarded as outstanding in patent law, selecting honorees through exhaustive qualitative research that includes market interviews and written submissions from across jurisdictions.

Ben is based in Foster Garvey's Seattle office and serves as co-chair of the firm's Litigation practice. He represents clients in patent and intellectual property disputes across industries including telecommunications, software, manufacturing, consumer products and media.

Rob, based in the Portland office, advises technology companies on patent portfolio strategy and prosecution across advanced software, wireless communications and optoelectronics, working with patent offices around the world to secure protection for his clients' innovations.

Their recognition reflects the caliber of counsel Foster Garvey provides to clients across patent prosecution, portfolio management and litigation.

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