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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAWYER OF THE YEAR FINALIST

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Andy Gass, Latham & Watkins is among the finalists for The Recorder's 2025 Intellectual Property Lawyer of the Year Award. Read a Q&A with him below.

What's your proudest professional achievement of the past year and why?

Our team has the privilege of defending a broad array of technology companies in litigation over the AI tools they have built—all of these cases have some elements in common, and some that are significantly different with the common thread that ties them together being the relationship between and among law, culture, and technology.

It's exciting to be at the forefront of legal innovation, addressing complex questions about the



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Andy Gass, with Latham & Watkins.

intersection of AI and the law. It's always a challenge to explain to a judge how a novel digital tool works, and how to apply age-old legal principles to those new facts. But I'm proud of the way that my teams have consistently met that challenge in case after case.

What advice would you give to new attorneys specializing in intellectual property?

It's important to be not just an effective lawyer, at the highest echelons of the profession, but a happy one, doing work you love with colleagues



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who challenge you to bring your A-game every single day.

How is the practice of IP law changing?

The biggest change in the practice of IP law is the same thing that makes it a fun space to litigate: most of the matters we take on involve cutting-edge issues of law and technology, where courts are grappling with legal claims that have not been adjudicated before.

As technology continues to test the boundaries of existing legal rules and implicate a broad array of IP type issues, from trade secrets to trademark, copyright litigation, to deal work—there's no shortage of legal work in this area for firms who are able to credibly present themselves as industry and technology experts in connection with how products work.