



Spencer Fane Team Collaborates on AI-Focused Patent Seminar for Japanese IP Market

Spencer Fane attorneys [Daniel Hwang](#), [Jeffrey Howell](#), and [Nomugi Tomoyori](#) joined Japanese intellectual property professionals for Pitfalls of U.S. Patents and Generative AI, a virtual September 24 seminar exploring the opportunities and risks associated with the growing use of artificial intelligence in U.S. patent practice.

Developed through a collaboration among Spencer Fane, [Patlytics](#), and Axis Patent International, this 90-minute program examined how artificial intelligence is reshaping patent practice and the legal considerations Japanese companies must navigate when seeking U.S. patent protection. Topics included the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's use of AI tools, inventorship requirements, confidentiality and cross-border data transfer concerns, the duty of candor under 37 CFR § 1.56, and emerging issues surrounding AI-assisted patent prosecution. The webinar also explored practical strategies for mitigating legal risks and developing strong U.S. patent portfolios that support business objectives.

In addition to insights from Spencer Fane and Taku Nakajima of Axis Patent International, the program featured Amir Bahrami, Patlytics' market leader for Japan and the Asia-Pacific region. He demonstrated AI-powered patent review and analysis tools and discuss the evolving role of artificial intelligence in intellectual property practice.

At Spencer Fane, Daniel, Jeffrey, and Nomugi harness extensive experience advising Japanese companies and other market clients on U.S. intellectual property matters. With valuable insights into patent prosecution, enforcement, and emerging legal developments at the intersection of AI and intellectual property law, the firm's IP team helps businesses navigate evolving technologies while protecting, managing, and maximizing the value of their intellectual property assets worldwide.