### Harrity Patent Analytics Releases 2019 Top Patent Firms List

#### News

Harrity Patent Analytics has published its "2019 Top Patent Firms" list that ranks industry leading patent law firms based on the total number of U.S. utility patents issued in 2019.

# American Axle: Does Patent Subject Matter Eligibility Depend on Enablement?

### Webinar, Jan. 30, 2020

Fitch, Even, Tabin & Flannery LLP will present a free webinar, "American Axle: Does Patent Subject Matter Eligibility Depend on Enablement?," featuring Fitch Even attorneys Stanley A. Schlitter and Andrew C. Wood.

### Breach of Contract Claim Does Not Arise Under Patent Law

#### News

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit reversed a

district court decision that retained jurisdiction over a breach of contract action.

# PTAB Judge Appointments Ruled Unconstitutional by Federal Circuit

#### News

A panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit held that the appointment of Administrative Patent Judges, charged with presiding over proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board, was unconstitutional.

### NDAs Do NOT Work for China But NNN Agreements Do

### Insight

The China Law Blog has published part one of an expected series of posts setting out exactly what foreign companies should do (and not do) to protect their intellectual property in China.

### 'Patent Death Squad' Judges Can Be Fired, U.S. Appeals Court Says

#### News

Patent Trial and Appeal Board judges had so much authority they should have been appointed by the president and confirmed by the Senate, the court ruled.

# Alphabet Soup: A Review and Summary of Post-Grant Practice at the USPTO

### Webinar, Nov. 21, 2019

Fitch, Even, Tabin & Flannery LLP will present a free webinar, "Alphabet Soup: A Review and Summary of Post-Grant Practice at the USPTO," featuring Fitch Even partner David A. Gosse.

## Want to Protect Your Trade Secrets? Update Your

### **Employment Agreements**

### Insight

Notice of the whistle-blower protection provisions must be included in any contract or agreement with an employee that governs the use of a trade secret.

# Webinar: Patent Prosecution Options at the USPTO: Tried-and-True or New to You

#### Webinar, Oct. 23, 2019

Fitch, Even, Tabin & Flannery LLP will present a free webinar, "Patent Prosecution Options at the USPTO: Tried-and-True or New to You," featuring attorneys Alan E. Schiavelli and George N. Dandalides.

# Effective Trade Secret Practices: What You and Your Employees Need to Know

### Webinar, Sept. 26

Fitch, Even, Tabin & Flannery LLP will present a free webinar, "Effective Trade Secret Practices: What You and Your Employees Need to Know," featuring Fitch Even attorneys Thomas F. Lebens

## Facebook, Google Face Off Against a Formidable New Foe: State Attorneys General

#### News

The states are potent actors in their own right, with the power to invoke local laws on antitrust and consumer-protection.

## Microsoft Chief Legal Officer Says Trump Is Treating Huawei Unfairly

#### News

Trump has said Huawei, run by a former Chinese army technologist, is a national security threat.

# Why Companies Should Care About Increasing Criminal Enforcement of Trade Secret Theft

### Insight

Trade secrets plaintiffs should always consider whether to involve the state or federal authorities in their investigations, advises Procopio partner Mindy Morton.

# How Late Is Too Late? Setting the Timeline for Patent Protection

### Webinar, August 29, 2019

Fitch, Even, Tabin & Flannery LLP will present a free webinar, "How Late Is Too Late? Setting the Timeline for Patent Protection," featuring Fitch Even attorneys Mark A. Borsos and Vincent R. Meyer.

### Webinar - Not So Obvious:

# Secondary Considerations at the PTAB