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I learned about NAPP from an IP Watchdog article about how to set up a solo patent practice. When I finally realized that I needed to step out of a Big Law practice. I signed up right away and have found it to be a fantastic organization! I joined NAPP in August 2017 when I launched my firm, AKIRA IP in Oakland, CA.

I've been a member of the Government Affairs Committee and the Public Relations Committee, and I also help organize NAPP member lunches in the San Francisco Bay Area (quarterly before COVID), to keep us local practitioners all connected and to welcome new potential members into the group.

I thoroughly enjoy meeting up and working with our regional SF Bay Area network of practitioners as well. NAPP is full of great mentors and interesting people, and Forster real comradery among patent practitioners. I feel accepted and valued in this community. Prior to practicing before the USPTO, I was an IP litigator in several huge multinational law firms for nearly 20 years. My technical areas include software engineering, and at NAPP I feel like there is always a group I can turn to for questions and advice as I grow into my late-blooming patent practice focused on inherently difficult-to-protect software inventions.

Aside from NAPP, I am a member of the Bar Association of San Francisco, and I also meet up regularly with another professional network of friends from many different areas in law and business. I am also Of Council with a small corporate practice law group in the Silicon Valley, where I advise clients on various IP-centric deals in the high-technology space. In my spare time, I enjoy hiking and other outdoor activities with my family, watching great films, reading great novels, spending time in the mountains, and meeting up with friends as often as I can.



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