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Dr. Yunlai Zha is an associate in the Intellectual Property Practice Group in the firm's Silicon Valley office.

### Areas of Practice

Yunlai's practice focuses primarily on prosecution of patent applications related to blockchain, machine learning, artificial intelligence, semiconductors, optical devices, nano devices, telecommunications, medical devices, robotics, and clean energy and renewables. He routinely interviews inventors to develop invention disclosures and draft new patent applications in the broad range of complex technologies.

Previously, Yunlai was a technical specialist at a top international IP boutique law firm.

### Articles

#### Intellectual Property Law Blog Posts

- "Distinguish "Smart Contract" From Abstract Idea To Pass Blockchain Patentability Scrutiny," March 29, 2021
- "Blockchain Patentability Through The Lens Of A Recent PTAB Decision," March 3, 2021

### Practices

Intellectual Property

### Industries

Automotive  
Blockchain and Fintech  
Emerging Company & Venture Capital  
Telecom  
Transportation

### Education

J.D., The George Washington University, 2019

Ph.D., Electrical Engineering, Princeton University, 2014

M.A., Electrical Engineering, Princeton University, 2011

B.S., Physics, Biophysics and Biochemistry, Brandeis University, 2009

## Admissions

California

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

## Languages

Chinese (Mandarin)