



Christopher A. Coons
United States Senator

Christopher Coons has served as a U.S. Senator for more than a decade and is currently the senior senator from Delaware. Senator Coons sits on the Judiciary, Appropriations, Foreign Relations, Small Business, and Ethics Committees. He is the Vice Chairman of the Ethics Committee and the ranking member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense.

Senator Coons sits on and previously chaired the Subcommittee on Intellectual Property and is focused on fostering American innovation, encouraging investment in research and development, and deterring IP theft to maintain America's position as a global economic leader. In 2025, Senator Coons reintroduced the bipartisan *Realizing Engineering, Science, and Technology Opportunities by Restoring Exclusive (RESTORE) Patent Rights Act*, which restores the presumption that a court will issue an injunction upon a finding of patent infringement. During the last Congress, Senator Coons introduced bipartisan bills to restore the predictability and reliability of the U.S. patent system and led hearings on the rise of counterfeit goods sold online, and on the intersection of artificial intelligence and IP laws.

Senator Coons earned his B.A. from Amherst College, and his M.A.R. in ethics and J.D. from Yale University. He lives with his wife, Annie, in Wilmington. They have three children.