IP-related lawsuits can strike at the very core of one's business. Trademark disputes can threaten brand identity while patent infringement actions can endanger a business' ability to offer its products or services at all. We understand the high stakes nature of IP disputes, and have successfully represented both plaintiffs and defendants in trade secret, unfair competition, trademark, copyright, patent, and other intellectual property litigation.
We take a “business solution” approach to intellectual property disputes, focusing not only on achieving a favorable litigation result, but also on furthering our clients’ overall business interests and protecting and enhancing their competitive positions in the marketplace. We are able to offer our clients sound business advice and counseling to help them evaluate and implement creative and constructive solutions, both before and after the commencement of litigation. Our litigation attorneys work closely with those in our business department, who counsel clients regarding a wide range of intellectual property matters, including the selection, registration, licensing and enforcement of trademarks, patents, copyrights, and other intellectual property.

Patent Litigation

We handle patent litigation, both on the plaintiff and defense side, in a number of industries, including in the computer, software, Internet technology and product manufacturing sectors. We have litigated cases in the major venues for patent litigation across the country, including the Northern District of California, the Eastern District of Texas, the District of Delaware and Eastern District of Virginia. In addition, our patent litigators have represented clients in International Trade Commission proceedings, the undoubtedly most daunting venue for litigation of patent disputes, especially for defendants.

Trademark Litigation

We represent clients in litigation concerning trademark and service mark infringement and dilution in federal courts across the country. We also have expertise in Opposition and Cancellation Proceedings, as well as appellate proceedings before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (TTAB) related to trademark registrations. We are well-versed in litigating domain name disputes, including Uniform Domain-Name Dispute-Resolution Policy (UDRP) proceedings. Our practice also includes *quasi*-adversarial matters before the TTAB related to obtaining registration for marks initially denied registration by the Trademark Office.

Copyright Litigation

We represent a variety of authors, artists and software developers in copyright litigation and work with companies and individuals in obtaining and enforcing copyright protection for their original works of authorship, including their multimedia properties and Internet web sites. We are particularly well-versed in addressing claims brought in relation to the Digital Millennium Copyright Act and other statutes and regulations related to the alleged infringement of copyrights online.

Trade Secret and Unfair Competition Litigation

We have extensive experience in representing both plaintiff and defendant companies in trade secret misappropriation and unfair competition cases against former officers, business associates, and competitors. In addition, we regularly counsel clients about their rights in the event of employee defections and about how best to protect their trade secrets and other proprietary information. We also represent separating employees in establishing their own businesses without violating their duties to their prior employers.

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