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INDUSTRIES

Technology

PRACTICE AREAS

Intellectual Property
Litigation
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EDUCATION

JD, 1988, with honors,
The University of Texas
School of Law, Order of
the Coif
BA, Mathematics, 1981,
Reed College

ADMITTED

Texas 1988
District of Columbia
1989
US Patent and
Trademark Office 2000
US District Courts for
Texas, Eastern,
Western and Southern
Districts
US District Court for the
District of Columbia
US District Court for
Virginia, Eastern and
Western Districts
US Circuit Court of
Appeals for the Fourth,
Fifth, Ninth, District of
Columbia and Federal
Circuits
United States Supreme
Court

Roger's practice focuses on intellectual property (IP) and business litigation:

- Roger's IP and technology practice includes advice and counseling, procurement, licensing and acquisition, opinions, and litigation regarding all aspects of patents, trademarks, copyrights and trade secrets. His IP litigation experience includes Lanham Act, trademark and domain name disputes, patent infringement, invalidity, inventorship disputes, misappropriation of trade secrets, breach of development, licensing and supply agreements. Technical subject areas of litigation matters handled by Roger include semiconductor memory chips, fluid flow meters, large-scale optics manufacturing, mainframe utility software, acoustic paneling, airplane components, extrusion molding methods, gas chromatograph and bathroom fixtures.
- Roger's business litigation practice includes trials, appeals and arbitrations across the spectrum of commerce. Since 1988, Roger has handled disputes involving civil fraud, construction, legal malpractice, accounting and consulting malpractice, mail fraud and wire fraud, breach of license agreement, breach of supply agreements, wages and employment, lender liability, bankruptcy, conversion of collateral, breach of fiduciary duty, will disputes, freedom of information act, partnership disputes and class action defense.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Markman Hearing (First Chair) in patent infringement dispute involving design and utility patents relating to bathroom fixtures. (April 2006)
- Arbitration (First Chair) of dispute arising out of breach of supply agreement regarding 3-D Holographic Display devices. (November 2005)
- Represented Web site owner in trademark infringement action. (2005-2006)
- Handled Texas state trademark infringement and declaratory judgment action regarding rights to a sports team name at temporary injunction hearing and appeal. (2005-2006)
- First chair at trial and handled appeal in defense of a national bank in a suit brought by the State of Texas for conversion of collateral. (2004-2005)
- Petitioned the United States Supreme Court to hear an appeal of a copyright preemption matter. (2004)
- Served as lead appellate counsel in securing reversal by Texas Supreme Court of an order certifying a nationwide class action. (May 2005)

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BRIEFINGS, SEMINARS & SPEECHES

- "Medimmune v. Genentech: The Supreme Court upends licensing law," ACCA (Association of Corporate Counsel, Austin Chapter) Newsletter (March 2007)
- "Document Retention and E-Discovery," co-presented to the Association of Corporate Counsel, Austin Chapter (October 2006)
- "Top 10 IP Pitfalls," presented at the University of Texas School of Law's Corporate Counsel Institute, Houston, Texas (April 2006)
- "Contractual and Other Limitations On Damages," presented at the University of Texas School of Law's The Damages Institute, Houston and Dallas, Texas (Fall 2004)
- "Recent Developments In Texas State Class Action Law," presented at the State Bar of Texas Antitrust & Business Litigation Section's Litigating Class Actions: 2004 Hot Topics, Houston, Texas (April 2004)

PROFESSIONAL/CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

Member

- Texas Law Foundation, Life Fellow
- Virginia, 1990 (Associate)
- Maryland, 1991 (Inactive)