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Main Bio

Dan Staren is a trusted advisor who helps his clients navigate complex intellectual property and technology, commercial, and real estate disputes inside and outside of the courtroom.

Intellectual Property and Technology

Dan assists clients maximize the value of their intellectual property by enforcing and defending intellectual property rights. Dan has comprehensive litigation experience regarding patent, copyright, and trademark infringement and validity, computer fraud, unfair competition, and trade secret misappropriation in a wide range of industries, including telecommunications, computer software, and biosciences. Dan has helped clients enforce and defend trademark rights before the U.S. Trademark Trial and Appeal Board and internet domain rights through the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy. Dan is also a registered patent attorney and has experience prosecuting patent and trademark applications before the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Commercial and Real Estate

Dan has experience at all stages of complex commercial and real estate litigation from inception to post-trial. Dan has prepared pre-litigation analysis, facilitated settlements, prepared and responded to complaints, drafted and responded to motions, argued hearings, deposed witnesses, worked with experts, managed all aspects of fact and expert discovery, and served on numerous trial teams.

Community

Dan is dedicated to serving the community and maintains an active pro bono practice in which he provides a variety of legal services to clients who do not have the resources to pay customary legal fees. Most recently, Dan served as first chair in a prisoners' rights jury trial before the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona.

Representative Experience

- Represented gaming equipment leasing and financing firm in breach of contract dispute and subsequent collection action
- Represented mattress and bedding company in commercial lease dispute
- Advised real estate investment firm in multiple lease disputes with its tenants
- Represented multinational fast-food restaurant in commercial lease disputes with multiple tenants

- Defended third-party software support provider against allegations of copyright infringement
- Represented real estate education and mentoring firm in breach of contract and copyright action
- Represented telecommunications company to develop damages case in patent infringement litigation
- Defended global animal health company against allegations of patent infringement
- Defended public safety technology company against allegations of willful patent infringement
- Represented Communications Platform as a Service (CPaaS) company involving allegations of willful patent infringement
- Defended multinational video game and digital entertainment company against allegations of willful patent infringement
- Defended mattress and bedding company against allegations of trade secret misappropriation and breach of contract
- Defended health insurance company against allegations of trademark infringement
- Represented national child fitness gym in trademark infringement action

Education

- Arizona State University, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law (J.D., *cum laude*)
 - Research Editor, Arizona State Law Journal
 - Center for Law, Science & Innovation- Law, Science and Technology Certificate
 - Patent Law Clinic
 - Pro Bono Graduate Award- Highest Distinction
- Loyola University Graduate Student (M.S., Molecular Biology)
- University of Illinois (B.A., Psychology)

Representative Presentations & Publications

- "[The Ninth Circuit Affirms Tribal Court Jurisdiction Over Insurance Provider](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (March 7, 2024)
- "[Supreme Court Holds Patents Must Enable Full Scope of Invention](#)," Author, SWIPLit Blog (May 24, 2023)
- "[Federal Circuit Holds Patent Venue Decision Based on Remote Workers Did Not Warrant Mandamus Relief](#)," Co-Author, SWIPLit Blog (November 8, 2022)
- "Electronic Discovery and Litigation Hold Notices," Presenter, Volunteer Lawyers Program (April 1, 2022)
- "[Supreme Court: Mistakes of Law Can Excuse Inaccurate Copyright Registration](#)," Co-Author, SWIPLit Blog (February 24, 2022)
- "[Federal Circuit Rejects Two-Tiered Royalty Patent Damages](#)," Co-Author, SWIPLit Blog (February 11, 2022)
- "[Supreme Court Holds that PTAB Judges Are Unconstitutionally Appointed](#)," Co-Author, SWIPLit Blog (June 25, 2021)
- "Patent Litigation Committee Report on *Ironburg v. Valve*: The First-Ever Zoom Patent Jury Trial," Co-Author, American Bar Association Intellectual Property E-Newsletter (March 2021)

- "Recent Developments in Intellectual Property Law: IP Trials in the Covid-19 Environment," Presenter, Snell & Wilmer 2020 Year-End CLE Series (August 19, 2020)
- "[Vibrations at the Federal Circuit: American Axle and the "New" "Nothing More" Test of Patent Subject Matter Eligibility](#)," Co-Author, SWIPLit Blog (August 4, 2020)
- "[Supreme Court: Statute Exposing States to Claims of Copyright Infringement Must Walk the Plank](#)," Co-Author, SWIPLit Blog (March 23, 2020)
- "[Supreme Court Holds "Expenses" Exclude PTO Employee Salaries in Civil Action Challenges Under the Patent Act](#)," Co-Author, SWIPLit Blog (December 12, 2019)
- "CXC Chemokine Receptor 4 Signaling Upon Co-Activation with Stromal Cell-Derived Factor- 1? and Ubiquitin," Co-Author, 65 Cytokine 121 (2013)
- "The CXC Chemokine Receptor 4 Ligands Ubiquitin and Stromal-Cell Derived Factor-1? Function Through Distinct Receptor Interactions," Co-Author, 286 Biological Chemistry 33466 (2011)

Professional Recognition & Awards

- The Best Lawyers in America®: Ones to Watch, Commercial Litigation (2021-2024); Patent Litigation (2023-2024)

Community Involvement

- Arcadia Sports Central, Volunteer Coach (2023)
- St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School, Dads' Club (2019-present)
- Volunteer Lawyers Program, Volunteer Attorney (2019-present)
- Volunteer Attorney Project, Missouri, Volunteer Attorney (2015-2019)
- Legal Aid of Western Missouri- Adopt-A-Neighborhood, Volunteer Attorney (2018-2019)
- Catholic Education Foundation, Kansas City-Futures Leadership Council (2015-2019)

Previous Professional Experience

- Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP, Associate (2015-2019), Summer Associate (2014)
- U.S. District Court, District of Arizona, Judicial Extern to the Hon. John J. Tuchi (2014)
- Translational Genomics Research Institute (TGen), Legal Extern (2014)
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, Judicial Extern to the Hon. Amy J. St. Eve (2013)

Bar Admissions

- Arizona
- Missouri (inactive)
- United States Patent and Trademark Office

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of Arizona
- United States District Court, District of Arizona
- United States District Court, Eastern District of Texas