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### Main Bio

Dan is a litigator who focuses his practice on complex business and intellectual property and technology litigation. His experience includes litigation regarding patent and trademark infringement and validity, copyright infringement, computer fraud, unfair competition, and trade secret misappropriation in a wide range of industries, including telecommunications, computer software, and biosciences. Dan is also a registered patent attorney and has experience prosecuting patent and trademark applications before the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Dan has experience at all stages of complex commercial litigation in state and federal court. He has prepared pre-litigation analyses, including invalidity and infringement opinions, facilitated settlements, prepared and responded to complaints, drafted and responded to motions, prepared *Markman* briefings, argued hearings, deposed witnesses, worked with experts, and managed all aspects of fact and expert discovery.

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.

### Representative Experience

- Defended third-party software support provider against allegations of copyright infringement
- 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
- Representing co-owner, director and officer in a corporate governance dispute
- Conducting internal investigation of public company regarding corporate governance disputes
- Defended health insurance company against allegations of trademark infringement
- Defending network marketing company against alleged violations of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act

## Education

- Arizona State University, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law (J.D., cum laude, 2015)
  - 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, 2012)
- University of Illinois (B.A., Psychology, 2009)

## Professional Memberships & Activities

- American Bar Association
  - Section of Intellectual Property, Patent Litigation Committee
    - Patent Infringement Subcommittee, Co-Chair (2019)

## Representative Presentations & Publications

- "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)

## Community Involvement

- 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)

## Other 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
- United States Patent and Trademark Office
- Missouri (inactive)

## **Court Admissions**

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