

Steven M. Levitan

Partner

Silicon Valley

Biography

Clients and colleagues have praised Steve Levitan for his successful intellectual property litigation practice for over two decades. With an emphasis on patent, trade secret, trademark, and technology contract disputes, his experience with Asia and Silicon Valley companies allows Steve to quickly identify the legal strategies that will be most effective to achieve his clients' objectives.

Steve's clients trust him to be lead counsel in numerous litigation matters. He has first chaired trials, and he's also argued appeals before the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Steve's intellectual property litigation experience includes numerous cases before the United States International Trade Commission (ITC), and cases in federal courts, California, and Oregon state courts, as well as arbitrations conducted by the International Chamber of Commerce and the American Arbitration Association.

In addition to his litigation practice, throughout his career, Steve has counseled clients on best practices for protection of trade secrets and confidential information, as well as other forms of intellectual property. Steve also has negotiated intellectual property license agreements, and technology development and transfer agreements.



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Practices

Intellectual Property

Patents

Trade Secrets and Confidential
Know-how

Trademarks and Brands

Copyright

Litigation Services

International Arbitration

Commercial Litigation

International Trade Commission
Section 337

Industries

He has represented national and international clients involved in a wide spectrum of technologies, including semiconductor device design and manufacture, semiconductor fabrication equipment, telecommunications, computer hardware and software, e-commerce, online stock trading, medical devices, nutraceuticals, and cargo straps.

Representative experience

Trial counsel for uPI Semiconductor in defense of state and federal court and ITC actions brought by Richtek involving trade secret and patent claims, and power management ICs.

Counsel for Google and Respondents LG and Toshiba in an ITC patent infringement defense brought by Straight Path regarding certain mobile devices and apps.

Counsel for Vivax-Metrotech in defense of an ITC action involving Radiodetection's allegations of patent infringement regarding underground cable and pipe locators.

Counsel for USA Products and The Home Depot in defense of a federal court patent infringement case involving cargo straps.

Counsel for Collective Bias in trademark infringement litigation in the N.D. CA against Badgeville concerning Collective Bias's SOCIAL FABRIC trademark.

Counsel for Complainant Gaumard Scientific in ITC patent infringement litigation against Shanghai Honglian regarding birthing simulators and systems.

Counsel for Hon Hai Precision Industry and Foxconn Electronics in ITC patent infringement defense brought by Microsoft regarding e-reader handheld devices.

Trial counsel for Complainant PCTEL in ITC patent litigation against ESS for infringement of patents on HSP modems.

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Areas of focus

IP Litigation, Arbitration, and Alternative Dispute Resolution

IP Licensing, Commercialization, and Technology Transfer

IP Rights in Transactions

Technology Contracts

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., University of Michigan Law School, cum laude, 1990

B.A., Stanford University, 1987

Memberships

Member, Santa Clara County Bar Association

Member, State Bar of California

Bar admissions and qualifications

California

Court admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

Counsel for AT&T Interactive (YellowPages.com) in trademark litigation in C.D. of CA against a travel search aggregator.

Trial Counsel for Mosel Vitelic in District of Delaware litigation against Micron involving IC memory device patents.

Counsel for BroadVoice in litigation in the C.D. of CA involving Broadcom's allegations of trademark infringement in connection with BroadVoice's VoIP telephony services.

Counsel for SiRF Technology in litigation in the C.D. of CA involving u-Nav's alleged infringement of SiRF's GPS patents.

Trial counsel for Claimant WaferMasters in AAA and ICC arbitrations asserting breach of contract in connection with development of semiconductor fabrication equipment.

Counsel for Black Ice Software in California state court litigation against MAPS in one of the first cases brought under California's "anti-spam" law.

Counsel for Window Rock Enterprises in nationwide trademark enforcement efforts concerning its CORTISLIM trademark for dietary supplements.

U.S. District Court, Central District of California

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California

U.S. District Court, Northern District of California

U.S. District Court, Southern District of California

U.S. Supreme Court

Latest thinking and events

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- One-stop shopping in the U.S. for global trade secret remedies: Managing Intellectual Property article

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- One-stop shopping: The U.S. and global trade secret remedies *Managing IP*

- News

- Practical business tips to weather COVID-19:
Employees trade secret protection policies and procedures

- News

- Practical business tips to weather COVID-19:
Employee trade secret protection policies and procedures

- Webinar

- Trade Secret Protection in China after the
U.S.-China Phase One trade deal