

Christopher J. Cox

Partner

Silicon Valley

Biography

Chris Cox has spent more than 25 years litigating matters in state and federal courts in California and throughout the country. He has decades of experience working with tech companies from Silicon Valley to Asia. His litigation experience involving complex technologies enables him to serve clients across a broad range of industries. Clients have recognized Chris for his leadership in mentoring and developing associates by forging teams that deliver superior results.

With an emphasis on trade secret and patent litigation, his experience covers the full spectrum of technologies – flash memory, optoelectronics, optical discs, computer storage and processing, electronic design automation, internet communications, telecommunications hardware and software, circuit simulation, software encryption, medical devices, and other products – making him stand out in his field. He also counsels both domestic and international clients on a wide variety of intellectual property, employment, commercial disputes, and other litigation matters. *Legal 500* has recognized him for "his subject matter expertise along with an understanding of technology, litigation strategy, crisis management, forensics, success handling large, multi-jurisdictional disputes."

Chris has extensive proficiency with the intersection of trade secret and employee mobility issues, including



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Practices

Commercial Litigation

Employment

Intellectual Property

International Arbitration

Investigations, White Collar, and Fraud

Litigation Services

Technology Litigation

Trade Secrets and Confidential Know-how

Industries

Life Sciences and Health Care

those arising under California Business and Professions Code 16600. He regularly counsels clients on protecting confidential information and conducting internal investigations to manage and protect intellectual property.

Representative experience

Represents semiconductor equipment manufacturer in California court alleging trade secret misappropriation and breach of contract by former executives and companies. Defendants criminally indicted.

Represented plaintiff in California court alleging trade secret misappropriation involving pioneering flash memory technology. US\$465.4m jury verdict.*

Represented plaintiff in California court alleging trade secret misappropriation and breach of fiduciary duty against phone carrier. Settled on eve of trial for US\$400m.*

Represented banks in federal court against claims seeking US\$429m in damages for fraud and violations of California securities laws. Forum non conveniens granted.*

Represented Nobel Prize winner in a stem cell research case. Anti-SLAPP motion to strike granted and attorneys' fees awarded. Judgment affirmed by Ninth Circuit.*

Represented medical device manufacturer in the Northern District of California involving claims of trade secret misappropriation and ownership of patent rights.*

Defended client in multijurisdictional litigation on claims of trade secret misappropriation, breach of non-competes, and fiduciary duty. Summary judgment granted voiding non-compete provisions.*

Represented plaintiff in California state court in trade secret litigation involving DVD encoding technology.

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Areas of focus

IP Litigation, Arbitration, and
Alternative Dispute Resolution

Class Actions and Group Litigation

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., Western New England College
School of Law, 1990

B.A., State University of New York at
Albany, 1985

Bar admissions and qualifications

California

Court admissions

U.S. District Court, Northern District
of California

U.S. District Court, Central District of
California

U.S. District Court, Southern District
of California

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of
Texas

U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit

Preliminary injunction granted.*

Defended oil and airline companies in MDL proceeding against allegations of patent infringement involving call processing technology.*

Represented defendant in Northern District of California alleging trade secret misappropriation, breach of contract, and business torts involving technology for solar panels.*

Represented defendant in trade secret, multi-patent, multijurisdiction dispute involving LED semiconductor technology. Summary judgment granted, dismissing trade secret claims.*

*Matter handled prior to joining Hogan Lovells.

Awards and rankings

- Silicon Valley Litigation Star (General Commercial & Intellectual Property), *Benchmark Litigation*, 2019
- IP: Trade Secrets (Litigation and Non-Contentious Matters), *Legal 500 US*, 2013, 2015-2018
- Labor and Employment Disputes (Including Collective Actions): Defense, *Legal 500 US*, 2015
- Dispute Resolution: General Commercial Disputes, *Legal 500 US*, 2015-2016

Latest thinking and events

- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Investment risk and COVID-19
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Supply chain and force majeure disputes in the COVID-19 era
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- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Coronavirus pandemic and implications of force

U.S. Supreme Court

Accolades

"Christopher Cox is very good on his feet, a great writer, thrives in a courtroom, and will not back down from a fight. He is the complete package."

Legal 500 US

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- Published Works

- Five signs your trade secret policy is inadequate
Law360

- Published Works

- Trade Secret Tips for Strategic Buyers *Today's
General Counsel*